

Biography of:

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Jim Smalley is the manager of NFPA Wildland Fire Protection and the National Wildland/Urban Interface Fire Program, an initiative that, since 1986, has provided information, research, training, and education materials concerning the severity and impact of wildfires that threaten homes and other structures. He has produced over two dozen video programs on various aspects of the wildland/urban interface including fire fighter safety and fire behavior.

He spent several weeks at the 1987 fires in southern Oregon and northern California, the Yellowstone fires in 1988, and subsequent interface fires in Colorado, Michigan, Idaho, and Oakland, California. He was instrumental in the development and management of the *Firewise Communities* workshops and the Firewise Communities/USA Recognition Program that provides incentives and guidance for residential developments in wildland areas to plan, perform, and evaluate local mitigation efforts to avoid disaster from wildfires.

In addition, he serves as the NFPA Staff Liaison for the Fire Service Training Committee and the Fire Service Geographic Information System (GIS) Data Exchange Committee, the Executive Secretary for the Wildland Fire Management Section, one of NFPA's special interest membership sections.

Jim Smalley is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, Southern Arkansas University, and the University of Delaware, with an A.S. degree in Fire Protection, a B.S. in Education, and a Graduate Certificate in Association Management. He has served on several fire departments (including Chief of Burke Volunteer FD in Fairfax County VA) and came to NFPA from the US Fire Administration. Before the US Fire Administration, he was director of state fire service training in Arkansas.

He is a professional member of the Society of American Foresters, the Institute of Fire Engineers, and the Society of Fire Protection Engineers.

His recent publications include:

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