



THE WILDFIRE CONSERVANCY

April 2, 2024

On behalf Dr. Matt Rahn, Executive Director, and the Board of Directors for the Wildfire Conservancy, we are pleased to extend a warm welcome to all the attendees of this year's Wildfire Conservancy Symposium.

This year's Symposium is dedicated to advancing the health and safety of firefighters, building more resilient communities, and confronting some of the biggest challenges we face in California and in our nation from wildfires and fires in the wildland urban interface (WUI). We have invited some of the foremost experts on firefighter cancer, respiratory protection, and decontamination, as well as structure hardening, insurance, wildland urban interface issues, and community planning challenges. We are also very excited to hear from some of our elected representatives, including State Senator Kelly Seyarto (D32) and Assemblyman James Gallagher (AD03).

The goal of this Symposium is to discuss current challenges in the wildland and WUI fire space as well as discuss current research trends, questions, and results. More importantly, we will identify gaps in information and understanding and set project priorities for coming years.

As a valued member of our community, your participation in our Symposium is instrumental in shaping the dialogue and driving progress in wildfire and WUI science, research, policy, and practice. Your insights, expertise, and passion are invaluable assets that will contribute to the success of our event and the advancement of our shared mission.

In addition to the thought-provoking program of sessions and workshops, the 2024 Symposium will offer opportunities for networking and collaboration. We encourage you to join us for discussions, meals, and breaks to take full advantage of these opportunities to connect with fellow fire service professionals, researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders. We hope you'll join us for the Symposium Reception on April 2, 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for your continued support and dedication to advancing the science of wildland and WUI fires and firefighter health and safety.

Warmest regards,

Tim Edwards
President, Board of Directors

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Executive Director