

# Wildfire Safe, Sound & Code Smart

August 22-23, 2013

Holiday Inn Express

2052 Hayes Drive, Cullman, AL



A discussion aimed at preparing communities to cope with wildfire through better fire, building, safety coding and education.

Cost: \$30 includes materials and lunch. Register online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/org/4250463419> or complete the attached registration form. Make checks payable to: AMRV RC&D  
Mail to: AMRV RC&D, 5514 US Hwy 31 South, Hartselle, AL 35640

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: AUGUST 19, 2013**

# ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Despite the fast-growing number of Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) areas throughout the US, studies show that rural areas lack proper building, fire and WUI codes. Only about 7,000 communities have adopted a WUI code or prepared a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP); less than 2% of WUI communities currently implement wildfire prevention programs.

**Most communities are taking steps only after a fire incident occurs, instead of proactively working to protect life and property before disaster strikes.**



**What is Wildfire Safe, Sound and Code Smart® (WSS&CS)?** WSS&CS is a multifaceted approach to Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) fire mitigation. The national program guides and supports community leaders as they develop and adopt WUI codes, while actively encouraging implementation of existing WUI educational programs in communities with high-risk of wildfire.

The workshop addresses planning, designing, building and retrofitting homes to protect life and property of individual homes and communities.

**Who should attend?** Homeowners, county, state and local governments, firefighters, forestry professionals, planning professionals, real estate developers, agents and insurance agents.

## SPEAKERS

**Dan W. Bailey** Dan W. Bailey is the Executive Director of Wildland Fire, Natural Resource, Environmental and Natural Hazard Programs for the International Code Council™, based in Washington, D.C. Bailey's background includes serving as a staff assistant to Oregon U.S. Senator Wayne Morse, then moving into the federal government where he served as a professional Foresters and Supervisory Forester involved with land management, forestry and wildland fire programs for more than 30 years, with assignments in Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Arizona and Washington, DC. He held numerous positions including serving as the National Program Manager for the USDA Forest Service Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Fire and Firewise programs, prior to retiring from the agency in 2004. Bailey was the co-founder of the National Firewise Communities Workshop series, a highly successful national campaign dealing with building in the wildland/urban interface that trained over 10,000 individuals in hundreds of communities throughout the U.S. While with the USDA Forest Service, Bailey served as a National Incident Commander of one of the National Incident Management Teams and led the efforts on more than 200 of the nation's largest and most destructive wildfires, as well as dealing with hurricanes and other national disasters.

**Mel Cosgrove** Mel Cosgrove is a senior member of the ICC government relation team. He is a graduate of the University of South Alabama and retired from Mobile Fire Department. While employed by MFD he served as chairman of the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs Code Committee and served on the code development committee of the Southern Building Code Congress. He also served on the drafting committee of the International Fire Code.

**Coleen Vanzant** Coleen has worked with the Alabama Forestry Commission for 27 years, most of that time being spent in Public Information and Education. This includes serving 7 years as Public Information Manager for the agency. In 2009 she moved to the Operations Division of the AFC to serve as Wildland Urban Interface Coordinator for North Alabama as well as the state coordinator for Firewise Communities/USA. She is an alumna of Samford University in Birmingham where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Paralegal Science and Wallace State College at Hanceville where she earned an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. She completed the Alabama Forestry Commission Ranger Academy in 1988. Coleen lives at Hanceville in Cullman County on a farm that has been in her family for six generations. She is an active member of Bethlehem East Baptist Church.

<b>DAY ONE</b>			
		<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>
8:00	8:30	Registration	
8:30	8:45	Welcome & Introduction	
8:45	9:45	State Issues & Experience	Alabama Forestry Commission Coleen Vasant
9:45	10:00	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:00	10:45	Brief History of the Wildland Urban Interface Code	
		International Code Council: Who We Are, What We Do	International Code Council
		Course Outline	
10:45	11:15	What is the Wildland Urban Interface?	
		Wildland Fire Statistics	
		Potential Impacts to State/Local Governments,	
11:15	Noon	Break Out Session 1: WUI vs Federal/State/Wildland	
		<b>LUNCH</b>	
1:00	2:00	Role of WUI Code in Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation	
		Development of Local Action Plans	
2:00	4:00	Group Activity and Discussion: Building your Action Plan	
4:00		<b>WRAP UP</b>	
<b>DAY TWO</b>			
8:00	9:30	ICC and Other Resources; RC&D as a Resource	
		Politics in Dealing With the WUI	
		Break Out Session 1: Integrating the Public	
		Break Out Session 2: Creating Coalitions	
9:30	10:00	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:00	12:15	Break Out Session 3: Integrating Federal/State/Local	
		Break Out Session 4: Adopting the Code	
		Advanced Applications of the WUI Code	
		Q&A and Final Comments	

## Continuing Education Credits

This course qualifies for continuing education credits from the following:

- 10 Category 1 CEUs - Alabama State Board of Registered Foresters
- 6 CEUs - Alabama Forestry Association Professional Logging Manager
- Firefighter CEUs: Check with your local Fire Department

## Lodging

Use code WUI for booking rooms at the Holiday Inn Express 256 736-1906 or code WUI at Hampton Inn 256 739-4444. Rate is \$84.00/night at each location.

# REGISTRATION

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Pre-registration is required

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I need CEU credits. \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation

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