

Arizona Wildfire Conflagration Summit

Understanding Risk and Identifying Solutions

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October 7, 2026

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LOCATION

**City of Scottsdale
Public Safety Training
Center**

911 Stadem Dr, Tempe, AZ
85288

A one-day, cross-sector convening of fire service leaders, insurers, and community stakeholders to frame **practical wildfire risk reduction that supports community resilience and long-term insurance availability and affordability.**

9:00 AM

Introductions

Welcome from the organizing group, and a brief overview of why this summit is being convened.

9:10 – 9:30 AM

Framing the Wildfire Conflagration Conversation

American Property & Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

9:30 – 10:00 AM

Opening Address: Wildfire Crisis is a Shared Responsibility

Chief Brian Fennessy, Director, US Wildland Fire Service (USFS)

10:00 – 10:45 AM

Understanding Arizona's Wildfire Conflagration Risk

Director Thomas Torres, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM)

10:45 – 11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 – 11:50 AM

What Works: Mitigation Science and Standards for Wildfire Mitigation at the Home, Neighborhood, and Community Scale

Facilitated by Michael Newman, General Counsel, Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS)
Followed by a question & answer session with APCIA and NAMIC.

12:15 – 1:15 PM

Working Lunch: Community Case Studies

Facilitated by Terra Waldron, Executive Director, Desert Mountain HOA

- Desert Mountain — the HOA community perspective
- KB Homes — wildfire-resilient neighborhoods in California
- Flagstaff — Mark Gaillard, a Northern Arizona fire chief's perspective

1:15 – 2:00 PM

Using Data to Predict Fire Behavior and Assess Risk

Fire Chief (ret.) David Winnacker

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Plenary — Facilitated Action Session: Building an Arizona Wildfire Conflagration Mitigation and Resiliency Framework

Facilitated by Angela Doss, Senior Director, State Legislative & Regulatory Affairs, Nationwide, with the organizing group joining in participation

RSVP your in-person attendance to tshannon@scottsdaleaz.gov. **No Later than** September 30th, 2026 for lunch ordering.

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