

## WILDFIRE TRAINING AID

Skills Crosswalk is a performance-based methodology and learning resource guide developed by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) in cooperation with the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG). This Guide helps local and rural emergency responders identify critical wildland firefighting skills that structural firefighters need to enhance their survival and effectiveness when making initial attacks on wildland fires, or when working with state and federal wildland firefighting agencies.

Rural development throughout the nation is encroaching into wildland areas. Since the 1980s, the rural population has more than doubled, with 140 million people now living in rural areas. Consequently, rural and volunteer responder organizations increasingly manage fires in the Wildland/Urban Interface and need information to develop the skill sets to protect their own personnel, resources, and communication/cyber systems).

The Skills Crosswalk was developed by analyzing and comparing National Fire Protection Association structural firefighting standards with NWCG wildland firefighting Position Task Books. Wildland skills and knowledge not incorporated within standard structural firefighting training were identified. Four NWCG positions were paired with counterpart structural positions; then, knowledge and skills, performance evaluation and documentation, and resource kits were developed for each position (basic firefighter, advanced firefighter, driver/operator/engineer/company officer, and experienced lieutenants, captains, and chief officers). The resource kits include guides, handbooks, and relevant forms.

The complete 14-page Skills Crosswalk can be downloaded at:

[http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/wildland\\_training\\_crosswalk.pdf](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/wildland_training_crosswalk.pdf). Wildland firefighting resources are also available at the NWCG web site: <http://www.nwcg.gov>.



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