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### Standard for

## Wildland Fire Management

### 2018 Edition

This edition of NFPA 1143, *Standard for Wildland Fire Management*, was prepared by the Technical Committee on Wildland Fire Management. It was issued by the Standards Council on August 1, 2017, with an effective date of August 21, 2017, and supersedes all previous editions.

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### Origin and Development of NFPA 1143

The first edition of NFPA 295, titled *Community Forest Fire Fighting Equipment*, was adopted by NFPA in 1934. The next edition was issued in 1956 as *Community Equipment and Organization for Fighting Forest, Grass and Brush Fires*. The document was retitled *Recommendations for Forest, Grass and Brush Fire Control* when it was issued in 1965 and retitled again, as *Recommendations for Wildfire Control and Environmental Improvement*, in 1972. In 1973, the document became a standard titled *Standard for Wildfire Control by Volunteer Fire Departments*, and it carried that title in the 1978 edition as well. The document was titled *Standard for Wildfire Control* with the issuance of the 1985 edition. Subsequent editions were issued in 1991 and 1998.

The 2003 edition was a complete rewrite of the document, which was renumbered and renamed NFPA 1143, *Standard for Wildland Fire Management*. In developing the 2003 edition, the technical committee recognized the development of the National Fire Plan in the United States and numerous mitigation efforts to solve the ailing forests and endangered communities in or near forested areas. In addition, the committee incorporated material to help small community and volunteer fire departments prepare for not only fire suppression in forested and wildland areas but also the broader task of wildland fire management, including mitigation, prevention, and community coordination.

The 2009 edition reflected the continued evolution of best practices in wildland fire management at the national level and further emphasized the full cycle of wildland fire management through mitigation, prevention, preparation, and suppression. The committee incorporated information to help make the document more consistent with NFPA standards on emergency services incident management and disaster management programs and to reflect current practices in regard to fire fighter safety.

The 2014 edition of NFPA 1143 was a reconfirmation of updates made in the 2009 edition. The committee updated cross-references throughout the document and updated figures to provide examples of modern equipment being utilized for wildland fire management. These updates provided the user with new examples of equipment such as dozers, helicopters, and airtankers.

In the 2018 edition of NFPA 1143, the technical committee revises the terminology from the document to be more representative of the document's intent. The technical committee aligns training and qualifications with the NFPA or the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG). The committee also aligns the incident management chapter to the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Clarification of the terminology and redefinitions found in fire suppression subsections include size-up, fire engagement and management, and mop-up and demobilization. The technical committee revises the responsibilities of public information officer (PIO) to complement NIMS and revises the responsibilities of safety officer to participate in tactics and planning meetings that are also outlined in NIMS. The technical committee clarifies the required documentation for finance and administration and updates the NWCG referenced publications.

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