

## International Association of Wildland Fire

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## **News Release**

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## International Association of Wildland Fire Brings Two Important Forums to the Boise Center Boise, Idaho

The 13th International Wildland Fire Safety Summit & 4th Human Dimensions of Wildland Fire Conference in April 20-24, 2015. Boise Centre, Boise, Idaho <u>https://inawf.memberclicks.net/upcoming-conferences</u> #IAWFCon15

## Helping Heros 3.0 -- Vital Support for Firefighters

The National Fallen Firefighter Foundation, in a partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina (working on a grant through Federal Emergency Management Agency) are working on a project to decrease the stigma of seeking help for mental health concerns among firefighters and their families. Angela Moreland, Ph.D., will be on-hand to gather data to assist with this important effort.

This project is built upon a very successful endeavor created by the Veterans Administration. Dr. Moreland will conduct brief informal video testimonials to gather helpful information:

- common stressors that firefighters face;
- things that family and friends notice when a firefighter is stressed;
- how a person knew that they needed to seek help;
- what kind of help they sought out;
- whether that help was useful; and
- what they would tell other firefighters in a similar situation.

This conference will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about the latest research findings, management innovations, and best practices in the US and elsewhere.