

# Wildfire Season is Upon Us: **REIGNITE YOUR TRAINING TODAY**



# **DLAND FIRES IN THE UNITED STATES**







Wildfire season is upon us. According to the National **Interagency Fire Center, nearly 6** million acres were burned by an estimated 67,000<sup>1</sup> wildfires nationwide in 2016. This includes the destruction of over 4,000 structures, many of which were homes and businesses.

These devastating fires caused an estimated \$1.2 billion<sup>2</sup> in damage and the forecasted cost of battling wildfires could exceed \$1.8 billion by 2025.

**The National Fire Protection Agency** (NFPA) along with the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) assess that more than 45 million homes in the United States are in or near wildland<sup>3</sup>. With today's wildfire seasons elapsing nearly three months longer than those of decades past<sup>4</sup>, the reality is that in any given location at any given time a simple spark can trigger a wildland inferno.

### **CAUSES OF WILDLAND FIRES**



DROUGHT



HIGH

**WINDS** 

WARMER **TEMPERATURES** 



DRIED VEGETATION

### **MOST ACREAGE BURNED BY STATE**



**OKLAHOMA** 767.780



**ALASKA** 496,467





**IDAHO** 361,649





**GEORGIA** 5,086

**TEXAS** 

9,300



**NORTH CAROLINA** 4,007

# **PREPARE FOR WILDLAND FIRES** WITH TARGETSOLUTIONS



TargetSolutions' fire department training catalog features 17 hours of dedicated wildland fire training condensed into two bundles as well as an accompanying introductory course.



#### **RT-130 Annual Wildland** Fire Safety Refresher:

**Provides firefighters the** opportunity to review the fundamentals of wildland firefighting as well as critical hazards and safety strategies in wildland operations. Features more than 50 learning modules and eight hours of training.

#### **Key Topics**:

Situational Awareness, Air **Operations, Safety Strategies,** Hazard Recognition, Common Errors, Risk Assessment, and many more.



#### S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior:

Explores the essentials of wildland fire behavior and analyzes how fires spread, the impactful role of weather, and the seven environment factors. Features more than 30 learning modules and eight hours of training.

#### **Key Topics:**

Heat Transfer Methods, **Topography, Environmental** Factors, Wind Types, Fuel Characteristics, and many more.



#### **Fire Industry Introduction to** Wildland Fire Behavior:

A condensed overview that explores important terminology that every wildland firefighter should be familiar with including fire ecosystems, personal protective equipment, extreme fire behavior, and more. Features more than 15 learning modules over a one-hour training period.

In addition, TargetSolutions comes loaded with several pre-built custom activities and resources built for tracking items related to wildland fire training. Agencies are able to build their own activities to deliver and track anything related to any firefighter training topic, including wildland fires.



# **Wildland PPE Inspection:**

This activity is used to record time spent re-orienting and inspecting Wildland PPE.



#### S-290 Intermediate Wildland **Fire Behavior:**

An activity designed to prepare the prospective fireline supervisor to undertake safe and effective fire management operations.



# S-130 Wildland Firefighter Training:

**Training courses from the United States Fire** Administration's National Fire Academy.



# **Community Resources:**

The TargetSolutions network has shared more than 160 items related to wildland fire inside its training resource depository. This consists of valuable PowerPoint presentations, videos, policies, and other items.

# **AGENCIES RELY ON TARGETSOLUTIONS FOR WILDLAND FIRE TRAINING**



Thousands of battalions across the country that collectively completed over 45,000 total wildland courses in 2016. That's more than 90,000 hours of training!

TargetSolutions' powerful online management system will streamline your training, track your hours, and prepare you for the fireground. With fire season officially set to begin, there's no better time than now to review the essentials of wildland fire behavior and safety.