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## **IFRM Attending Wildland Fire Behavior and Fuels Conference in Raleigh, NC**

*International Fire Relief Mission will be attending the conference as a partner organization focused on improving firefighter safety and knowledge.*

The International Association of Wildland Fire (IAWF) has again partnered with IFRM for the 4<sup>th</sup> Fire Behavior and Fuels Conference in Raleigh, NC, being held February 18-22, 2013. Both the IAWF and the IFRM have similar goals in ensuring that firefighters around the world are able to perform their duties in a safe and smart manner. The conference theme, **"At the Crossroads: Looking Toward the Future in a Changing Environment,"** reflects the challenges facing firefighting agencies around the world, particularly in the developing world.

"As wildland fires are on the rise globally," says Robb Chapman, advisory board chairman for IFRM, "many fire departments in second and third world countries are struggling to adapt. They're attacking wildland fires with outdated and unsafe equipment because they don't have the ability to acquire newer, safer gear." IFRM works to address this issue by recycling fire gear and donating it to firefighting agencies overseas. IFRM teams then travel to receiving countries to provide basic training on the safe use and care of the donated equipment.

By working with the IAWF, International Fire Relief Mission has access to a large group of wildland fire professionals from around the globe that can assist with everything from equipment and monetary donations, to accompanying an IFRM team in-country. "We're always excited to work with IAWF due to their global reach and the dedication and skills of their members," says Chapman. "We hope that we can continue this partnership well into the future."

The International Fire Relief Mission is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation focused on improving firefighter safety and effectiveness worldwide by recycling used fire equipment and facilitating its donation to developing countries.

IAWF is a professional organization for wildland firefighters and currently has members in 22 countries; as part of its mission the IAWF provides leadership to the wildland fire community and facilitates communications on issues of interest to its global membership.

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