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NATIONAL WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION ASSOCIATION

PRESS RELEASE

National Wildfire Suppression Association holds its' Inaugural *Professional Contractor Certification Program*

Reno, February 22, 2009: The National Wildfire Suppression Association developed its Professional Contractor Certification Program according to NWSA Standards and it was unveiled at its inaugural session at the NWSA Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada.

There were 84 people from 32 companies that took part in this 8 hour course sponsored by NWSA. NWSA worked with the US Department of Labor, and the US Department of Transportation (FMCSA) to develop segments on those regulations that affect private sector fire service. In addition, there were segments on Business Ethics taught by Mike Edrington, History of the Industry put on by NWSA President Rick Dice, Training requirements by NWSA Training Coordinator Stan Kunzman, Critical Incident Management that was presented by Mike Wheelock, and Worker Compensation Issues by Joe Couey of KPD Insurance. Each of the companies that attended received a notebook with information that was presented in addition to a Certificate of Certification.

This course will be offered annually at the NWSA Conference, and updates to retrain certification will be offered also.

In order to maintain their certification from year to year they will be required to have 8 hours of recognized training a year that will be documented by the National Wildfire Suppression Association.

For more information you may contact NWSA at 1-877-676-6972 or email at info@nwsa.us We also have more information posted on our website at www.nwsa.us.