# **Carpenter 1 Fire**

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# Carpenter 1 Fire – A Snapshot

- July 1 July 19, 2013
  Lightening strike to wildland fire
- July 19 August 18

#### Contained fire control and recovery

- Spring Mountains
- (Mt. Charleston/Trout Canyon)

- 28,000 acres
- 6 Structures lost
- Personnel (50 to over 1400)
- 2 Injuries
- Cost Over \$20 Million





## **Essential Partnerships**

- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- NDEM
- NDF
- NDOT
- NHP
- County Departments/Agencies
- Regional Agencies (e.g. CCSD, SNHD, CCRFC)
- LVMPD
- NWS/NOAA
- Cities
- Utilities
- American Red Cross
- Media



## Transition...

• Agency Representative

**Deputy Fire Chief** 

Cooperator

Emergency Manager / Deputy Fire Chief

Jurisdictional Lead

**Emergency Manager** 





- Collaboration
- Communication
- Delegation
- Political Awareness



### Lessons Learned

- Multi-agency coordination is essential.
- A cooperative team approach (checked egos) is necessary.
- Effective communication is critical.
- JIC/PIO coordination and Public messaging is critical for public support.
- Subject matter experts are needed and valuable.
- Leveraging resources expands capacity and shares the burden.
- Ability to easily transition between roles is important.
- Multi-tasking is an essential skill.
- Every function plays an important role; everyone must do his/her part in that role.



