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Cohesive Strategy

How it approaches fire – the local fire chiefs perspective

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- Who is the IAFC?
 - Why do we care about the WUI and fire?
- Facts:
 - 97% wildland fires controlled at 10 acres or less
 - Most structures lost during first 12 hours
 - WUI growth in the future
 - Not just a “Western” problem
 - Fires don’t respect jurisdictional lines



- Three goals of Cohesive Strategy
 - Resilient Landscapes
 - **Wildfire Response**
 - **Fire-Adapted Communities**



- Response

- All jurisdictions participate in:

- Safe
 - Effective
 - Efficient

wildfire management through improved
intergovernmental coordination



- Cohesive Strategy encourages, between local, state and federal agencies:
 - Better training
 - Better preplanning
 - Better communications
- Leads to better execution when a fire starts
 - We can no longer meet for the first time on the hood of our buggies once the fire has started -



- The largest impact for local fire officials
 - The public looks to the chief for answers
 - FAC provides them
- Tool-box for local fire chiefs
- Involves both public education and infrastructure protection
- High Impact/Low Cost if done right



- Provides a framework for public education
- Provides a framework for planning
- Provides model codes as options
- Provides for a dialog between the fire chief and the community
 - Improved Community Involvement
- Provides a dialog between the fire chief and the partners (State, Fed, Business)



- Some Examples:
 - Ready, Set, Go!
 - Firewise
 - Public/Private Partnerships
 - CWPPs
 - Local Ordinances/Model Codes



- Eagle County, CO Public/Private partnership



Wildland Fire Action
Planning Event



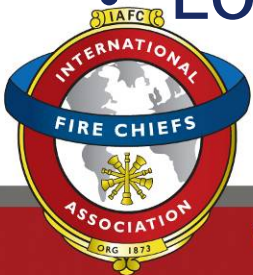
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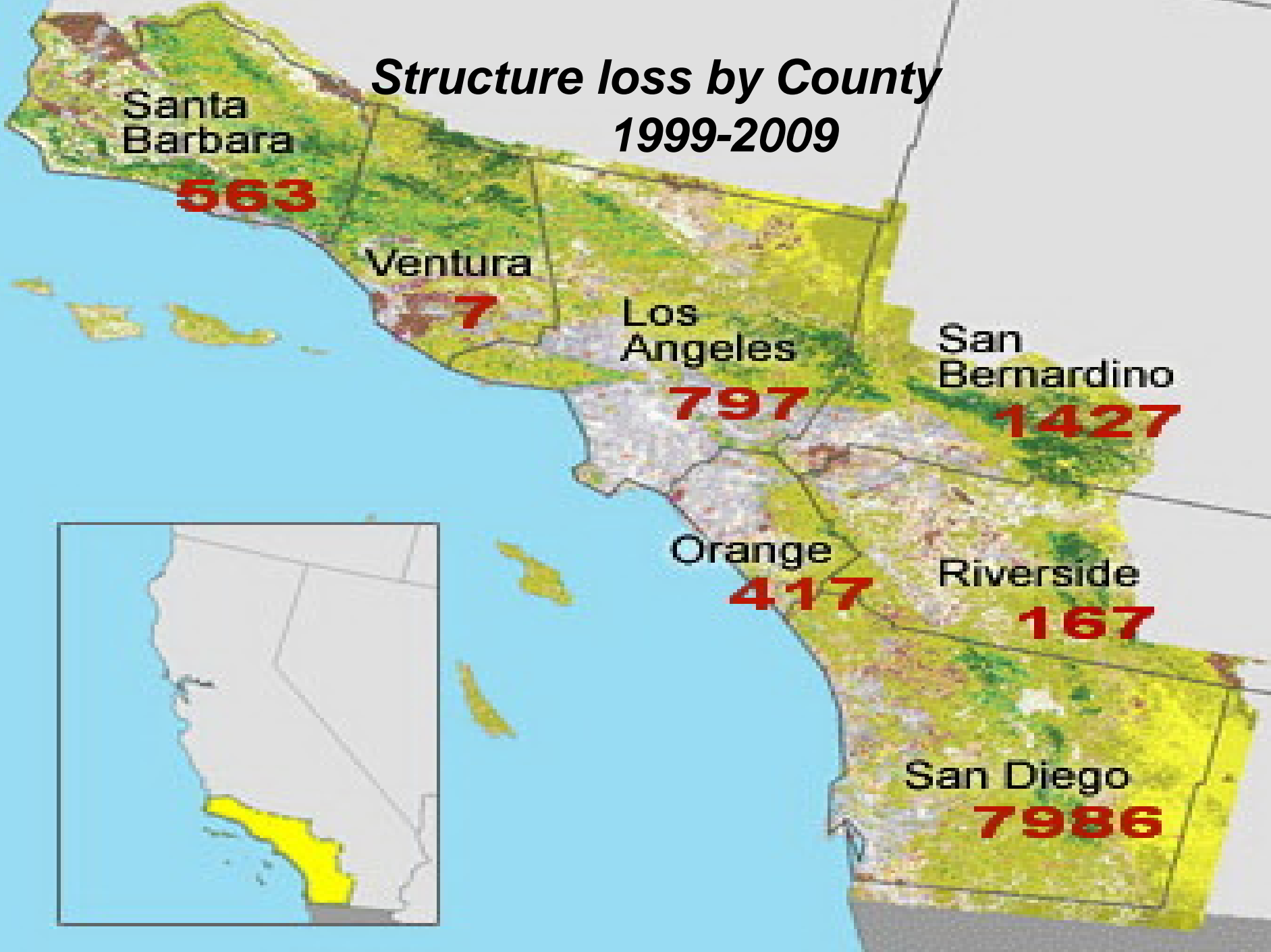
- Colorado Springs Mitigation Successes



- Statewide awareness campaigns
- Local property management code



Structure loss by County 1999-2009



- Cohesive Strategy has a positive impact on local government fire service
 - Creates a dialog for better collaboration on response
 - Provides a tool-box of options for public education and partnership
 - Improves the understanding and relationships between local, state and federal leadership



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