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# Resource Sharing An Agency Perspective

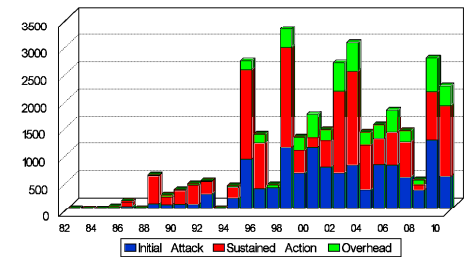
Wildland Fire 2010



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- There has been an increase in resource sharing in Canada since the mid nineties.
- Ontario has gone through cycles as a 'resource importer' and a 'resource exporter.'
- Significant progress has been made nationally and internationally by Agencies, CIFFC and Compacts

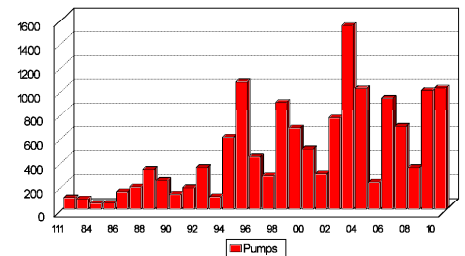
Personnel Mobilized  
1982-2010



As of Aug 24, 2010



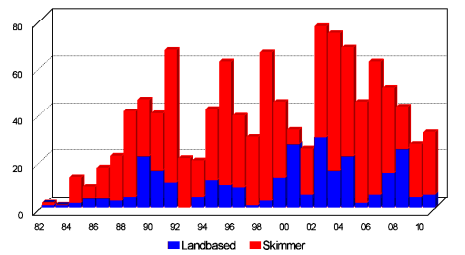
Pumps



Current as of Aug 20, 2010



Airtankers  
1982 - 2010



as of Aug 3, 2010



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## An Importer's Perspective

### Benefits

- Help when we need it most – people, equipment, aircraft
- Opportunity to recycle our own staff
- Media takes notice
- Integration of resources smoother every year
- Sharing knowledge and networking – building the Fire Community

### Risks/Challenges

- Safety – tactics, identify hazards/assess risks
- Knowing when you have enough
- Understanding out of province policies and requirements – Safety, Collective Agreement (hours, breaks, overtime, etc.), Overnight accommodations needs, equipment maintenance
- Visiting IMT's may not be aware of local issues, concerns or strategies
- Financial – approvals, perceptions, cost (ie transport costs)





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## An Exporter's Perspective

### Benefits

- Experience, skills development, learning
- Morale
- Opportunity to support other agencies
- Financial



### Risks/Challenges

- Maintaining sufficient resources back home – Good long range resource planning necessary
- Crews & Tankers can be recalled quickly – Equipment may be gone for several months
- Safety – tactics, hazards, accumulated fatigue
- Bringing home invasive species (a/c, equipment)
- Home - work program (vacation time, equipment procurement/refurbishment, deferred projects)
- Professionalism
- Financial – approvals, perceptions, administrative workload, \$\$ don't always go to the fire program
- Communications with staff – the new reality - resource sharing and the associated workload is part of our jobs and will increase in the future



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### Other Challenges

- Interoperability (radio/IT) – fire agencies, other responders
- Need for national contracts or provincial contracts with similar deliverables (ie Type Contract 2 Crews, Basecamp Infra, etc)
- Aging workforce – loss of experienced staff (FBANs, DIVS, IC's...)
- What happens when more than 3 or 4 provinces/territories are busy?
- Shortages of trained/experienced staff to work in command centres.
  - Move needed towards standard positions/structure in Fire Centres
- Training
  - Common training will lead to reduced orientation time for incoming resources





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## Summary

- A Win/Win Situation
- Many benefits from Exporting and Importing Resources
- Nationally, we have made significant strides over the last 10-15 years.



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