Title III Summary

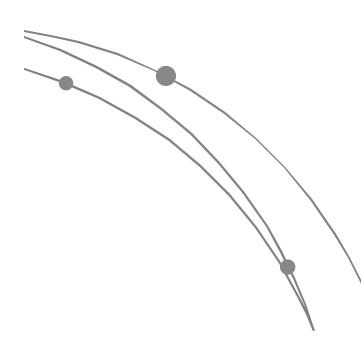


What is Title III?

- Third title of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000
- Reauthorized in 2008 for 4 additional years, but:
 - Restricted county's ability to fund Title III programs.
 - Decreased the overall amount of funding to county relative to previous years.
 - Decreases funding each year until final payment in 2011.

Title III Allocation

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011
Title III Allocation	\$263,072	\$236,765	\$213,381	53,019



What can Title III be used for?

Sec. 302. Use. AUTHORIZED USES.—A participating county, including any applicable agencies of the participating county, shall use county funds, in accordance with this title, only—

(1) to carry out activities under the Firewise Communities program to provide to homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education on, and assistance with implementing, techniques in home siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires;

(2) to reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting, that are—

(A) performed on Federal land after the date on which the use was approved under subsection (b);

(B) paid for by the participating county; and

(3) to develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the appropriate Secretary concerned.

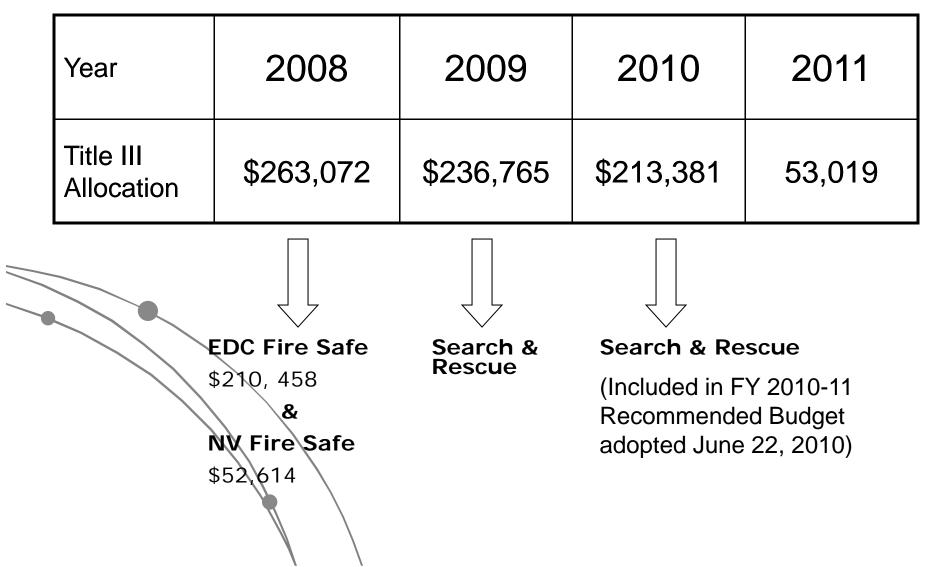
How has the Board allocated Title III funds?

- Traditional 50/50 split annually
 - Sheriff Search & Rescue
 - Community wildfire planning/projects
 - County-administered Request for Proposal process

What was "The Deal"

- Board directed entire 2008 allocation to Fire Safe Councils
 - \$210,458 to EDC Fire Safe Council
 - Fire Safe Council administered RFP process
 - \$52,614 to Nevada Fire Safe Council
- Board directed entire 2009 allocation to Search & Rescue
 - \$236,765

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Conclusion & Recommendation

• Title III funds are diminishing

- Not effective to split between competing uses
- A county-administered RFP process and administration of contracts is costly and time consuming

Search & Rescue is a General Fund cost

 Retain Title III funding as programmed in the FY 2010-11 Recommended Budget to offset General Fund costs for Search & <u>Rescue</u>