



The 2018 Woolsey Fire

THE FORMATION
OF THE MALIBU
COMMUNITY
BRIGADES

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Translational Research: 3 Phases to Date

Phase 1: Protective Action, Attitudes & Behaviors evidenced in those who “Stayed to Defend”

- Analyzed in relationship to established indicators of resilience (Becker, J. et al., 2011).
- Advanced understanding of how resilience takes root in a community.

Phase 2: Advancing Community Engagement & Policy

- Convergence of fire risk factors & stakeholders
- Unified effort roadmap
- Leveraging community resources for action

Phase 3: Pilot Program –Malibu Community Brigade

- Collaboration with LA County FD
- Authorized by LA County Board of Supervisors



Our Communities Need More Applied or Translational Research

FIGURE 2 INTER-RELATED FIRE RISK FACTORS



FIGURE 3: FIRE RISK FACTOR STAKEHOLDERS



Lessons Learned



Trust



**Community Engagement &
Empowerment**



Service

- researchers' role is to share knowledge to support community healing, growth, & ownership of risk.



LA Culture...

- ♦ A place of local community orientation in relationships, not the monolith often ascribed.
- ♦ LA comprises a series of small towns that grew together - a mosaic of cultures that come together.
- ♦ Just as in fields of research, it is at the intersections of the different communities that innovation occurs.
- ♦ Watch “City of Gold”