



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

NWCG Memorandum 23-001

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TO: NWCG Executive Board Members
FROM: Shane McDonald, Chair, NWCG Executive Board
SUBJECT: NWCG Burn Protocols

This memorandum announces the release of the NWCG Burn Protocols. The NWCG Burn Protocols provide Flow Charts for Burn Injuries, Emergency Department Burn Evaluations and Burn Injury Care Guidelines. These documents were developed for firefighters and fire managers in the field to better assess burn injuries and expediate the injured firefighter to the appropriate level of care, as well as to aid emergency department medical providers in understanding the unique demographics and environmental working conditions of wildland firefighters. The NWCG Burn Protocols and Burn Injury Flow Charts will be located on the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) website, <https://www.nwcg.gov/committees/emergency-medical-committee/#HotTopics> and incorporated into existing WFSTAR modules.

Please distribute this information as appropriate through your agency channels.

The NWCG Burn Protocols were developed by NWCG's Emergency Medical Committee in collaboration and coordination with NWCG's Risk Management Committee, the medical community, and others. Please submit questions or comments to EMC <https://www.nwcg.gov/committees/emergency-medical-committee>

Distribution:

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NWCG standards are interagency by design; however, the decision to adopt and utilize them is made independently by the individual member agencies and communicated through their respective directives systems.