



## NWCG Meeting Notes

June 16, 2021

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**Guests:** Erik Litzenberg (IAFC), Kaili McCray (EMC), Jim Shultz (IPSC), Patrick Morgan (IOSC), Roshelle Pederson (DMC)

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<p><b>Welcome – Agenda Review / Staffing Update / Project Priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staffing update provided.</li> <li>Reviewed and validated Project Priorities <a href="https://www.nwcg.gov/priorities">https://www.nwcg.gov/priorities</a></li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Incident Position Description (IPD) Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently 95% complete with 117 of 124 IPDs posted online.</li> <li>103 in approved status, 14 under review, and 7 still need to be drafted</li> <li>This will serve as the close-out briefing. Updates will continue to be made via the website.</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Emergency Medical Committee Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a need to create medical standards that are consistent for all agencies as currently medical standards are developed by each agency.</li> <li>Current medical support includes taking care of our own, stabilizing and transporting on initial attack incidents, establishment of MEDL units, and ensuring an emergency response medical plan is in place on large fires with Incident Management Teams. Future medical support could include a federal EMS program that would also include standardization of incident injury and health data.</li> <li>There are capacity concerns with EMTs. EMTs are licensed within a particular state, under a specific scope of practice, with a particular medical director. Once EMTs leave that state, they are limited as to what duties they can perform.</li> <li>IMUS is working on revising the MEDL position standards and training.</li> <li>A majority of those completing incident medical assignments are municipal cooperators, which leads to inconsistencies as to how incident line medics are equipped.</li> <li>Final question that needs further discussion is what is the current expectation of medical support and emergency response on wildand fire incidents?</li> </ul>	N/A



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<p><b>Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG), PMS 461, Summary of Changes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A summary of changes was presented by the Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC) and Incident Operations Subcommittee (IOSC).</li> <li>• The Spanish version of the IRPG will also be revised.</li> <li>• Timeframe for publication of hard copy and electronic is January 2022.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>IMRR Electronic Check-In Pilot Project:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing paper regarding the current confusion and identified issues was presented to the Executive Board along with potential solutions.</li> <li>• Recognize the good work and efforts of the IMRR groups but also a need for using established systems and structure for implementing new processes and standards.</li> <li>• Meet with affected stakeholders to discuss and ensure future efforts follow existing processes for piloting and adoption.</li> </ul>	<p>Distribute memo (cc NMAC &amp; FireNet) regarding the optional use of this process for 2021.</p> <p>Task Team to evaluate outcomes and future solutions (Fleming/Bender to draft tasking for July agenda)</p>
<p><b>ESRI Special Achievement in GIS Award – Geospatial Subcommittee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award given to this subcommittee from ESRI, picked from user groups and sites around the world, to recognize outstanding work in GIS technology. This subcommittee stood out above over 100,000 entries. Revision of <i>NWCG Standards for Geospatial Operations</i>, PMS 936, and development of <i>NWCG GISS Workflow</i>, PMS 936-1, were noted in the achievement award.</li> </ul>	<p>Distribute memo from Executive Board to acknowledge the efforts and recognition (O’Hara/Bender)</p>
<p><b>Establishment of the Data Management Program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roshelle Pederson discussed the future of the Data Management Program and its relationship to the NWCG Data Management Committee. The Data Management Program is being established under the Office of Wildland Fire (OWF) and will have three open positions to fill to support it.</li> <li>• Current wildland fire location (points and polygons) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Public perimeter dataset alone received almost 3 billion hits from users.</li> <li>○ Google Crisis Information Team is building new products to enhance information for users.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wildland Fire Information tool planned for release in July/August 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Open data remains free for us.</li> <li>○ Single national fire reporting system which is 30 years in the making.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>



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<p><b>EDG Tool Demo:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided a demonstration of several different capabilities this tool has and various examples with explanations of future use.</li><li>• EDG can manage position change history by comparing the differences from year to year for positions.</li><li>• Data standards from NWCG should be the standard for all IT.</li><li>• The Position Naming Board is already starting to use it instead of a spreadsheet for managing all current mnemonics.</li><li>• Will manage the workflow here for the glossary and can manage the related terms and changes over time. It can also identify publications and training courses where terms are referenced.</li></ul>	N/A