



NWCG Meeting Notes

July 20, 2022

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Guests: Kaili McCray (EMC), Eric Fransted (RMC), John Buehler (NIAC)

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<p>Emergency Medical Committee (EMC) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid Extraction Modules (REMs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft joint tasking with FIREScope to develop national standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordination with multiple NWCG committees and joining of EMC and FIREScope subject matter experts (SMEs). ▪ FIREScope has established REMs standards. • Developing Virtual Incident Procurement (VIPR) standards for EMS Providers and Ambulances. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arduous and non-arduous. • Draft Minimum Standards for Wildland Fire First Aid. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved by Risk Management Committee (RMC). ○ Edited and briefed to Executive Board (EB) early fall. • Ongoing discussion regarding expectations of incident emergency medical services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Becoming more complex. ○ Infectious disease not solely COVID. ○ Coordination between EMC and RMC. 	<p>Support to move forward with REMs tasking. Erik Litzenberg and Aitor Bidaburu will forward contacts to Kaili McCray for the REMs standards effort.</p>
<p>RMC Work/Rest Task Team Efforts Progress Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporating research highlights into a briefing paper. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thirty-five studies from primarily Canada and Australia. ○ Would like to incorporate more military studies. ○ No quantitative evidence for number of days off. ○ A Canada study concluded that three days is not enough, more time off is better. • Fatigue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extremely broad subject. ○ Cognitive, physical, emotional, etc. • Sleep: 	<p>Eric Fransted will present findings to EB once briefing paper is complete.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quantity and quality. ○ Canadian study followed a crew of Wildland Firefighter throughout a fire season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Findings were 1/3 to 2/3 of the crew did not sleep well or did not sleep enough. ○ Shift lengths and sleeping location are also a factor of good sleep. 	
<p>National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC)- Night Helicopter Coordinator (HLCO) and Air Tactical Group Supervisor (ATGS) Proposed Standards: CAL FIRE Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Discussion and Awareness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aerial Task Force: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Night Operations capacity. ○ Mobile Retardant Base (MRB) ○ Southern California is currently using out of necessity. ● 60 Minutes has interviewed California Fire Chiefs on this topic. ● FIRESCOPE requesting national standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request through State Representatives to NIAC and then discussion with Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee (IASS). ● Setting a national standard will allow Bureaus and Agencies to adopt the program as appropriate. ● 	<p>Support to continue with the process. Request updates.</p>
<p>Command and Finance Endorsement Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Command Positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Incident Commander Type (ICT) 1, 2, 4 and Liaison Officer (LOFR) are recommended for endorsement. ○ ICT3 is not recommended for endorsement due to safety risk and unknown changes in the future with Complex Incident Management (CIM). ● Finance Positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finance Sections Chief (FSC) 1, 2, 3, Compensation/Claims Unit Leader (COMP), Cost Unit Leader (COST), and Time Unit Leader (TIME) are recommended for endorsement. ○ ○ Procurement Unit Leader (PROC) is not recommended for endorsement due to the complexity of the Federal procurement regulations. ● Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create a communication plan, as per tasking. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Incident Management System Integration Committee (NIMSIC) currently developing. 	<p>APPROVAL of Command and Finance endorsements.</p> <p>APPROVAL to extend TM-20-004 to October 1st, 2022. And update to include communication plan.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aligning business systems to include endorsements. 	
<p>2022 Budget- 3rd Quarter Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3rd quarter reallocations were approved via email. ● Most funds have been spent. ● Systems Improvement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be obligated against contract. ○ Carryover from Firefighter Training, S-130. ○ Bids for Medical Unit Leader (MEDL), and Faller 1 and 2 were higher than expected. ● Investigating Powerline Caused Fires, X-900: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using BLM Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA). ○ Developing statements of work. ○ Hope to obligate funds by the end of the fiscal year. ● BLM has billed Forest Service for amount of the funded project agreed upon. 	N/A
<p>Wildland Fire Learning Portal (WFLP) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opening of WFLP portal delayed with a target of November/December 2022. ● Discussions regarding establishing a chair rotation for the Governance Board. ● Coordination with the National Training Officers (NTOs) regarding Learning Management System (LMS) Bipartisan Infostructure Law (BIL) funds. 	EB request overview of WFLP at August meeting.

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