



## NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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NWCG Memorandum 24-007

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TO: NWCG Committee/Subgroup Chairs  
FROM: Aitor Bidaburu, NWCG Executive Board Chair  
SUBJECT: NWCG Decisions for IPTM Positions, Call Order 1

**Purpose:** To communicate the Incident Performance & Training Modernization (IPTM) position recommendations from “Call Order 1” that were elevated to the Executive Board (EB) for final decision.

**Issue/Action:** The EB met on August 1, 2024, and the following decisions were made:

- **Equipment Time Recorder (EQTR):** The S-260, *Interagency Incident Business Management*, and N-9025, *e-ISuite*, courses will not be required and will remain as recommended training.
- **Personnel Time Recorder (PTRC):** The S-260, *Interagency Incident Business Management*, and N-9025, *e-ISuite*, courses will not be required and will remain as recommended training.
- **Helicopter Crewmember (HECM):** The S-271, Helicopter Crewmember, course will not require a live helicopter for the training but will include an optional module for the use of a live helicopter.

**Background:** In 2022, NWCG embarked on a transformative journey to modernize wildland fire incident position management through the development of a performance-based training system. The intent of the IPTM effort is to transition to a sustainable, effective, performance-based training system that reduces barriers to qualification and redundancy in the training system to increase the speed to competency. As positions advance through the IPTM process they are reviewed by the Position Steward, Training Delivery Committee, and Incident Position Standards Committee, when recommendations related to the position are unresolved, they are elevated to the EB. Additional information on IPTM can be found at <https://www.nwcg.gov/training/iptm>.

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