

**NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #130**  
**COMBINATION OF D-311 AND D-312 COURSES**  
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**BACKGROUND**

The Geographic Area Training Representatives (GATR) and dispatch cadres have moved to a combined delivery of the D-311, Initial Attack Dispatcher, and D-312, Aircraft Dispatcher courses due to them having similar objectives and instructional material. Individuals attending the D-311 and D-312 courses separately receive redundant information. Dispatching aircraft is often an integral component of initial attack, and having the courses combined allows for both the aircraft dispatchers and the initial attack dispatchers to acquire the knowledge for both positions.

**CURRENT STATUS**

The GATRs are proposing the combination of the two courses into a single course. The qualifications for the positions would remain the same and the course would remain as recommended training. The D-311 course is currently a 32 hour course. The D-312 course is a 36-40 hour course. The combination of the two courses would result in a decrease in course hours to 40 total hours.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept the combined package the GATRs are using for D-311, Initial Attack Dispatcher, and D-312, Aircraft Dispatcher while maintaining the current qualifications for the two positions. The new course would be renumbered and called D-313, Initial Attack Dispatcher/Aircraft Dispatcher.

**APPROVED** DENIED  
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**SIGNATURE**



**Operations and Training Committee Chair**

May 26, 2016  
**Date**

cc:

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- Geographic Area Training Representatives
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