

Operations Section Chiefs & Division/Group Supervisor Endorsement Analysis Recommendations

Analysis Workshop Date: The workshop to analyze the four current Operations positions was held on April 4, 2022.

Attendance: Steve Griffin (NIMSIC Chair), Ken Kehmna (NIMSIC Vice-Chair), Deb Fleming (NWCG Coordinator-NIMSIC), Shawn Nagle (NIMSIC & SME), Shawn Burt (NIMSIC & SME), Joe Sean Kennedy (NIMSIC & SME), Vicky Edge (SME), Josh Graham (SME), Shane Sturgill (SE), Derrick Moore (SME)

End State: Using the data gathered during Step 1 of the Analysis Process, analyze data (Step 2) to determine if endorsements are warranted for the OSC1, OSC2, OPS3, and DIVS NWCG positions.

Operations Section Chief, Type 1

(The following data was gathered for the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
S-520, Advanced Incident Management or Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC)	NQS has no required training at this level
RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher	

Experience

NWCG	NQS
OSC2 is a prerequisite	NIMS Type 2 Operations Section Chief is a prerequisite

NWCG Task Book Elements

There are 5 W tasks in NWCG OSC1/2 PTB (#37, 38, 39, 41, 42 [W/RX])

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
Moderate	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a OSC1 (or other position that maintains currency) every 5 years	Functioning in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 5 years

OSC1 Endorsement Recommendation – No

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an inherently wildland fire position and has no endorsement. All-hazards Operations Section Chiefs need to meet the wildland fire position qualification requirements. Rationale for not endorsing is based on prerequisite experience (e.g., fire behavior, strategic operations, burn planning).

Operations Section Chief, Type 2

(The following data was gathered for the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
ICS-400, Advanced ICS	Required at Type 3 Operations Section Chief which is a prerequisite
S-420, Command and General Staff or L-481, Advanced Leadership for Command and General Staff	NQS has no required training at this level
RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher	

Experience

NWCG	NQS
DIVS is a prerequisite	NIMS Type 3 Operations Section Chief is a prerequisite

NWCG Task Book Elements

There are 5 W tasks in NWCG OSC1/2 PTB (#37, 38, 39, 41, 42 [W/RX])

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
Moderate	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a OSC2 every 5 years (or other position that maintains currency)	Functioning in this position or a higher position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 5 years

OSC2 Endorsement Recommendation – No

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an inherently wildland fire position and has no endorsement. All-hazards Operations Section Chiefs need to meet the wildland fire position qualification requirements. Rationale for not endorsing is based on prerequisite experience (e.g., fire behavior, strategic operations, burn planning).

Operations Section Chief, Type 3

(The following data was gathered for the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
Required at subordinate level	IS-100, Intro to ICS
Required at subordinate level	IS-200, Basic ICS
Required at subordinate level	ICS-300, Intermediate ICS
ICS-400, Advanced ICS	ICS-400, Advanced ICS
Required at subordinate level	IS-700, NIMS, an Introduction
Required at subordinate level	IS-800, National Response Framework, an Introduction
	E/L 0958, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Operations Section Chief, or equivalent
	USFA O-0305, Type 3 All Hazards IMT Intro
	E/G/L 0191, Emergency Operations Center/ICS Interface
RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher	

Experience

NWCG	NQS
DIVS or ICT3 is a prerequisite	Experience in incident management in a subordinate position within the Operations Section.

NWCG Task Book Elements

NWCG does not have a OPS3 PTB (NQS requires one)
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Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
Arduous	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a OSC2 every 5 years (or other position that maintains currency)	Functioning in this position or a higher position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 5 years

OSC3 Endorsement Recommendation – No

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an inherently wildland fire position and has no endorsement. All-hazards Operations Section Chiefs need to meet the wildland fire position qualification requirements. Rationale for not endorsing is based on prerequisite experience (e.g., fire behavior, strategic operations, burn planning).

Division/Group Supervisor

(The following data was gathered for the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
S-339, Division/Group Supervisor	
S-390, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior Calculations	
RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher	
Required at subordinate level	IS-100, Intro to ICS
Required at subordinate level	IS-200, Basic ICS
Required at subordinate level	ICS-300, Intermediate ICS
	ICS-400, Advanced ICS
Required at subordinate level	IS-700, NIMS, an Introduction
Required at subordinate level	IS-800, National Response Framework, an Introduction
	E/L 0960, NIMSC ICS All-Hazards Division/Group Supervisor

Experience

NWCG	NQS
TFLD or ICT3 or ICT4 is a prerequisite	Experience in a position that applies the behaviors and competencies that support the DIVS, such as TFLD, STL, or T4 IC

NWCG Task Book Elements

There are 3 W tasks in NWCG DIVS PTB (#26, 27, 28); 3 W/RX tasks (#32, 35, 36); and 4 R tasks (#11, 31, 33, 34)

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
Arduous	Moderate

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a DIVS every 5 years (or other position that maintains currency)	Functions in this position or a higher position, during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 5 years.

DIVS Endorsement Recommendation – No

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">This is an inherently wildland fire position and has no endorsement. All-hazards Division Group Supervisors need to meet the wildland fire position qualification requirements.Rationale for not endorsing is based on prerequisite experience (e.g., fire behavior, strategic operations, burn planning).

Summary:

The analysis team determined that:

- OSC1, OSC2, OPS3, and DIVS should not be endorsed. All four positions are inherently wildland fire due to the wildland fire related prerequisite experience (e.g., fire behavior, strategic operations, burn planning).

Approval:

This recommendation was approved by:

- Incident Operations Subcommittee on April 21, 2022
- NIMS Integration Committee on May 11, 2022
- Incident and Position Standards Committee on May 11, 2022
- NWCG Executive Board on May 18, 2022