

Public Information Officer Endorsement Analysis

Analysis Workshop Date: The workshop to analyze the three current Public Information Officer positions was held on July 28-29, 2021.

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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 POI1, PIO2, and PIOF/3 NWCG positions.

Public Information Officer, Type 1

(The following data was gathered from the analysis)

Training

NWCG	NQS
S-520, Advanced Incident Management or Complex Incident Course (CIMC)	NQS has no required training at this level
RT-130, Annual Fireline Safety Refresher	

Experience

NWCG	NQS
PIO2 Is a prerequisite	PIO2 Is a prerequisite

NWCG Task Book Elements

No W or RX tasks in NWCG PIO1 PTB

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
None	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a PIO1, PIO2, PIOF/3 every 5 years	Functioning in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill or simulation at least once every 3 years

NWCG Endorsement Recommendation - Yes

Additional NWCG Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S-520, Advanced Incident Management or Complex Incident Course (CIMC)
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requiring RT-130, Annual Fireline Safety refresher as part of an endorsement is unnecessary and would be a bottleneck. If crossing over from other section chief positions at the Type 1 or Type 2 level, S-520/CIMC (Type 1) and/or S-420/L-481 (Type 2) will be required in addition to L-952, All Hazards Public Information Officer and completion of entire NWCG PIO2/1 PTB.

Public Information Officer, Type 2

(The following data was gathered from the analysis)

Training

NWCG	NQS
S-420, Command and General Staff or L-481, Advanced Leadership for Command and General Staff	E/L 0388, Advanced Public Information Officer
RT-130, Annual Fireline Safety Refresher	

Experience

NWCG	NQS
PIOF Is a prerequisite	PIO3 Is a prerequisite

NWCG Task Book Elements

No W or RX tasks in NWCG PIO2 PTB

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
None	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a PIO1, PIO2, PIOF every 5 years	Functioning in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill or simulation at least once every 3 years

NWCG Endorsement Recommendation - Yes

Additional NWCG Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S-420, Command and General Staff or L-481, Advanced Leadership for Command and General Staff
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requiring RT-130, Annual Fireline Safety Refresher as part of endorsement is unnecessary and would be a bottleneck. NWCG is not recommending adding E/L 0388: Advanced Public Information Officer, as a requirement due to prior experience received by NWCG PIOs. If crossing over from other section chief positions at the Type 1 or Type 2 level, S-520/CIMC (Type 1) and/or S-420/L-481 (Type 2) will be required in addition to L-952, All Hazards Public Information Officer and completion of entire NWCG PIO2/1 PTB.

Public Information Officer, Type 3

(The following data was gathered from the analysis)

Training

NWCG	NQS
S-203, Introduction to Incident Information or E/L952, All Hazards Position Specific Public Information Officer	E/L 952, All Hazards Public Information Officer
S-130, Firefighter Training	
S-190, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior	
L-180, Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service	
ICS-100, Introduction to ICS	ICS-100, Introduction to ICS
ICS-200, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents	ICS-200, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
ICS-400, Advanced ICS	ICS-400, Advanced ICS
IS-700, NIMS: An Introduction	IS-700, NIMS: An Introduction
IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction	IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction
RT-130, Annual Fireline Safety Refresher	
	O-305, Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team
	E/G/L 0191, Emergency Operations Center/ICS Interface
	IS-29, Public Information Officer Awareness

Experience

NWCG	NQS
PIOT Is a prerequisite	Experience in emergency management in a leadership position

NWCG Task Book Elements

No W or RX tasks in NWCG PIOF PTB

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
None	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a PIO2 or PIOF every 5 years	Functioning in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill or simulation at least once every 3 years

NWCG Endorsement Recommendation - Yes

Additional NWCG Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S-130, Firefighter Training • S-190, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior • L-180, Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requiring RT-130, Annual Fireline Safety Refresher as part of endorsement is unnecessary and would be a bottleneck. • Requiring IS-29, Public Information Officer Awareness, for NWCG is unnecessary due to prerequisite experience • Revised S-110 may replace the S-190/S-130 requirement in 2022. • O305, Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team is being evaluated by NWCG for inclusion as required training at the Type 3 level.

Summary:

The analysis team determined that the PIO1, PIO2 and POIF/3 should all be recommended for endorsement. The endorsement will include additional NWCG requirements as identified above.

Approval:

This recommendation was approved by:

- NIMS Integration Committee on 1/7/2022
- Incident and Position Standards Committee on 1/12/2022
- NWCG Executive Board on 1/19/2022