

# Staff Ride

## Resources



Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program

## South Canyon Fire – Discussion Points

### Strategic Discussion #1

Location: Two Rivers Park

You are an Agency Administrator and this is a summary of the morning briefing. Your area has been receiving numerous lightning strikes. Four geographic areas have significant fire activity; nationally the Planning Level is 5. You have about 40 fires in your home unit.

- Twenty-three (23) carry-over fires from previous days.
- Fifteen (15) new fires reported today.
- Two (2) are larger than 5 acres.
- Three (3) are smaller than 5 acres.
- Ten (10) are unverified smoke sightings and minor fires monitored from a distance.

Of the carry-over fires, you are actively fighting two (the rest are in monitor status):

- A 1600-acre fire is under control and in the demobilization phase with crews being reassigned elsewhere,
- A 50-acre fire has 4 engines and 23 firefighters assigned; may be under control in 24 hours.

- Given this scenario, which players on your home unit would you coordinate with to ensure appropriate actions are taken?
- What fire preparedness and management planning activities do you focus on prior to the onset of fire season at your home unit?



## Strategic Discussion #3

Location: Overlook Ridge

- What other fatality fires does this terrain remind you of?
- What areas in your home unit give you most concern for firefighter safety?
- What do you think the firefighters on the South Canyon Fire knew about the local weather patterns?

## Strategic Discussion #4

Location: Overlook

- The commitment to and accountability for safety is a joint responsibility of firefighters, managers, and administrators. How do you display a safe culture in your home unit?
- As a Unit FMO, Center Manager or Agency Administrator, how comfortable would you be with your ICT3's on a fire with the terrain challenges that you see here?
- How would you respond to an ICT3 on your home unit if they turned down an assignment?

## Integration Discussion

Location: Two Rivers Park

- The complexity and prominence of the South Canyon Fire and the subsequent investigation underscored a number of issues such as search and rescue for missing personnel, notification of family, dealing with the media, etc.

What is your role in the following:

- Incident investigation process?
- Critical incident stress debrief protocol?
- Line of duty death notification responsibilities?