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SUBJECT : SAFETY ADVISORY : SAFENET ENDORSED BY NWCG

SAFENET is a form, and process, that has been in demand by firefighters themselves. It's a method for reporting and resolving field situations quickly and at the level closest to the fire. The information provided on the form will also help collect important, safety-related data at the National Interagency Fire Center, to determine long-term trends and problem areas. The development of SAFENET was recommended in Phase III of the Wildland Firefighter Safety Awareness Study. Here are some facts about SAFENET and how it works.

Anyone can fill out a SAFENET, anytime, to report a valid concern about unsafe situations in fire operations, and document corrective action.

SAFENET is submitted to the first line supervisor, whose responsibility it is to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

SAFENET was primarily intended for wildland fire operations, but can be used to report on activities such as training, and all-risk events.

SAFENET forms are available to every firefighter, and can be downloaded from the Internet. You may submit a SAFENET via Internet, although these will not result in immediate corrective action.

You don't have to identify yourself to fill out a SAFENET, you can do it anonymously. If you do sign your name, however, it cannot be kept confidential.

There is no punishment or penalty for filing a SAFENET, nor is it mandatory.

SAFENET is not the only way to correct a safety-related concern, it does not replace accident reporting or any other valid agency reporting method. It's simply an easy, quick way to report a safety concern and receive immediate corrective action. It's also a way for front line firefighters to be involved in the daily job of being safe

and keeping others safe, too, by documenting and helping to resolve safety issues.

The SAFENET system is intended solely as a tool for wildland firefighters and fire management. Its objective is to provide a forum for firefighters to voice their safety concerns, facilitate problem solving, and to aid in identifying trends as they relate to firefighter safety. Neither the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) nor its members, make any claims as to the accuracy or validity of individual Safenets.

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