

# Incident and Position Standards Committee Request For Change

<b>WOULD YOU LIKE A RESPONSE</b>	No
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<b>HOME UNIT</b>	Incident Logistics Sub Committee
<b>CHANGE INFORMATION</b>	
<p>The Incident Logistics Sub Committee (ILSC) would like to remove its earlier RFC as it relates to the prerequisite requirements for the Communications Unit Leader (COML) position. In October of 2022 the ILSC made the recommendation to IPSC to change the COML prerequisite from a requirement of Communications Technician (COMT) AND Incident Communication Center Manager (INCM) to COMT OR INCM. This recommendation was accepted by IPSC as recommended. ILSC would like to recommend that this change be removed and the requirements for COML be returned to COMT AND INCM. Qualifications in both positions being required prior to a person moving onto COML.</p> <p>When the initial change was published in early 2023, the ILSC received numerous comments that did not support the new requirements of COMT or INCM and requested that the change be stopped. ILSC reviewed all the comments that were received. After reviewing the content of the comments and discussing the process used to make the initial RFC to IPSC, ILSC made the decision to rescind the original RFC based on the safety issues that were brought to light in the comments received about the proposed change. It was clear to ILSC that there was a need to return to having COMT and INCM both required before moving on to COML.</p> <p>Considering the recommendation to revert to the previous requirements and understanding that there is a system wide need for more qualified COML's; the ILSC would recommend that individuals who are currently qualified as a COMT work with their home units, if appropriate, to work through the recognition of prior learning process to obtain the RADO qualification that is a prerequisite requirement for the INCM position. This may increase the speed to competency timeline for an individual to move towards the COML position.</p>	
<b>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS?</b> Documents will be emailed to the NWCG webmaster.	No

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<b>IPSC Tracking #</b>		<b>Decision</b>	
<b>RATIONALE</b>			
<b>ACTION (i.e. Memo, Transition Plan, Publication Updated, etc...)</b>			
<b>APPROVING OFFICIAL</b>			<b>DATE</b>