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Date: 19 March 2024, 1300 – 1430 MST

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Not Present: Chuck Russell, CGAC | Colleen Gadd, AHIMTA | Hank Rowland, FEMA

TOPIC

Review Current Actions:

Open Tasking Updates

- Increasing Incident Support Capabilities Tasking
 - Draft response for the first two elements, virtual standards and modular support, has been sent out for feedback which will go through final task team review. No comments received from IWDG members – the task team will not share an updated draft unless significant changes are made for the final draft.
 - The response memo for the third element, increased agency participation, has been submitted to NMAC who requested an Action Plan be drafted and discussed at the April Joint NMAC/FMB/NWCCG meeting.
- CGAC Taskings:
 - NMAC L2023-09: Establishing Standard Criteria for Geographic Area Preparedness Levels
 - Criteria has been added to the 2024 NISRM. Nearly finished with this tasking, pending correspondence recommending the automation discussion be tasked to Predictive Services Oversight Group (PSOG).
 - NMAC L2023-10: Standard Alignments for Geographic Area Priority Trainee Programs
 - GATRs have provided feedback to CGAC’s draft tasking; IWDG has the opportunity now to provide additional feedback before it goes back to CGAC next week.
 - The GATRs would like specific feedback regarding name requests at NICC, in different GAs, etc. Some trainees are approved based on IC request, but in some GACCs they must also be on the priority trainee list.
 - Based on the implementation of CIM, there may be necessary changes for the priority trainee program. Current program lacks metrics for evaluation of efficacy.

Complex Incident Management Implementation

- IPSC Updates
 - Greer is now the IWDG representative for the IMT Course Steering Committee.
 - Basic course development is on track with an alpha delivery scheduled for CA in June.
 - Next in-person meeting is April 22-25, focusing on pilot course delivery.
 - Planning potential beta course for September, likely in midwest.
 - Advance IMT course kickoff meeting moved to a later date (anticipated fall).

- Reviewing FAQs to be updated to the website. Further discussion regarding where the document should live must consider the StoryMap's initial intent and its current usage as well as the appropriate source location for information linked from the StoryMap.

Agenda Items:

- CIMT and AA Evaluation Forms
 - AA Subgroup provided recommended forms to NMAC for review and finalization in the next couple of weeks.
- Liaison Officer Complex Briefing Paper
 - Incident Command Subcommittee (ICSC) has submitted recommendation to IPSC to create a LOFC and keep LOFR.
 - LOFR is already identified in NIMS as a C&G position but is not typed. The intent is adding typing to it and creating a steppingstone position to acquire experience.
 - Concern with adding an additional position and all that comes with that.
 - Recognition that the position and scope of work has evolved.
 - Concern with making the training and qualifications so rigorous that we lose the group of personnel that have historically acted in the LOFR role, such as line officers and local government personnel who have the requisite skills to perform in the role.
 - Recognize the skillset needed and add necessary trainings rather than creating an additional position.
 - Focus seems heavy on the AD pay scale rather than need for updated qualifications and training. When CIM positions were created, the LOFR AD pay rate was unchanged; it has historically been equivalent to the Type 2 C&G positions.
 - Concern that this may cause a ripple effect through additional C&G positions.
 - IWDG's position is neutral with noted concerns. IWDG willing to help with the recommendation and potential outcomes, to include alternative considerations.
 - Topic will be discussed at IPSC April meeting, and Celino will report back if there's anything further needed from IWDG.
- Incident Commander Complex Qualifications Pathways
 - ICSC has made new recommendations for the pathway to ICCI for IPSC's review.
 - One alternative will maintain the current pathway without ICT3 but will require ICCI Deputy qualification first.
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 - There is benefit with requiring ICT3. There is also recognition that IC is a leadership position far more than it is a technical position.
 - The position task book is one of the checks and balances for qualifying personnel. Continue to support consistent processes to ensure personnel are well-qualified but given options for pathways to achieve qualifications.
 - IWDG supports providing options for multiple pathways to ICCI.
- IMT Standards Development
 - Stakeholders are reviewing latest draft.
 - Bender will resend email requesting feedback.
- April Joint NWCG, FMB, NMAC Meeting
 - Several IWDG updates and discussion topics anticipated.
- May Meeting: Outer Banks, NC
 - Action Plan Review: Phase 2