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Date: 16 July 2024, 1300 – 1430 MST

IWDG Members: Jesse Bender, Chair | Aaron Thompson, Vice-Chair BLM | Jim Prevet, NASF | Michael Froelich, NASF | Zeph Cunningham, ICAC | Melissa Wegner, GATR | Cole Belongie, DMC | Shane Greer, ICSC | Rich Harvey, IAFC | Steve Griffin, NIMSIC | Hank Rowland, FEMA | Carol McElroy, FEMA | Joe Sean Kennedy, USFS | Carl Schwoppe, SWCG | Patrick Pearson, RMCG | Nicki Johnston, Admin

Guests: Sarah Fisher, Chair, FMB | Dave Haston, Chair, NMAC | Aitor Bidaburu, Chair, NWCG

Not Present: Chuck Russell, CGAC | Colleen Gadd, AHIMTA | Dave Celino, IPSC | Sean Peterson, NICC |

TOPIC

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Review Current Actions:

Leader's Intent and Discussion

- FMB, NMAC, and NWCG will continue evaluating CIM transition through 2024 and complete an AAR in the fall. Following that, they will review the IWDG Charter and reengage in evaluation of proposed program of work. They are currently vetting these proposals for prioritization and tasking.
 - New initiative and funding decisions must be strategic.
 - Additional data analysis has been requested for several of the proposed ideas.
 - Concerns were raised for Incident Command Support Team, agreements, barriers to collateral duty participation, and standards for qualification review.
 - NMAC believes T3 IMT standards and critical shortage UTFs should be prioritized highest.
 - NMAC, FMB, and NWCG will continue to review and vet items.
 - Ocean concept seems to be utilized organically as conditions change and more CIMTs are mobilized this year.
- Agency leadership would like the opportunity for discussion and feedback before memos come out and want to ensure communication occurs on contradicting visions.
 - Maintain mindfulness for how things are being presented.
- Discussion on current course development provided insight into leadership expectations as well as IWDG feedback.
 - Introductory course S-320 material might be more appropriate for a GA-level course rather than taught at the local level.
 - Consider individual-specific courses for C&G positions rather than combining that information with team dynamics.
 - GATRs think it would be easier to determine the best place for delivery of a new course when offered at the GA level as they have day-job Training Specialists to coordinate. Then, if determined to be a local delivery, GATRs (through TDC) can work with all agencies to deliver at local level.

- FMB, NMAC, and NWCG will continue to evaluate the best way to train responders and ensure all positions are set up for success in the advanced courses.
- Ensure communication and messaging are consistent so committees aren't working on conflicting efforts.
 - Better communication and cohesiveness is needed between committees and with leadership.
 - Recommend creating a communication tool or process that ensures vetting across all affected committees prior to final decisions being made.
 - Encourage personnel to work through their channels and utilize their liaison or agency representatives on FMB, NMAC, and NWCG to elevate concerns.

Data Collection

- CGAC Data Call: 2024 IMT Composition
 - No update.
- IMT Mobilization Data
 - Review on next call.

Open Tasking Updates

- Increasing Incident Support Capabilities Tasking
 - In review of first response, NMAC has identified two items specifically they would like to see more information/recommendations for. IWDG may be asked to complete the work.
 - Mobilization of Surge Capacity CIMTs: IWDG has been asked to draft the language for NMAC review for incorporation into *National Interagency Resource Mobilization Standards* for March 2025 release.
 - Endorsements and RPL: Awaiting additional clarity from NMAC and NWCG but see potential for IWDG to recommend edits to the *NWCG Standards for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)*, PMS 309.
 - Additional considerations could include adding RPL tasks into position task books, creating a crosswalk between day job duties, and identifying how interagency review boards can assist with implementation.
 - NMAC still hasn't reviewed the draft response to the remaining elements of the tasking.

Complex Incident Management Implementation

- IMT Course Steering Committee Update
 - Alpha course was held and now working through updates for the beta course to be held in September.
- Feedback
 - NMAC has given positive feedback surrounding the national rotation and team utilization.
 - Continue to request feedback through groups.
- CIMT Roster Configuration: Info on mobilizations to date
 - Collecting roster configuration data for analysis in the fall.

Agenda Items:

- Winter Meeting: Location and Dates
 - Bender working through cost analyses for locations.
 - Will plan for two days of meeting with a day of travel on each end. (Currently holding week of January 27 on calendar.)