



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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ASSIGNMENT OF COURSE NAME AND NUMBER TO SAFETY OFFICER FIELD (SOFF) TRAINING COURSE

BACKGROUND

In April 2023, Safety Officer Field (SOFF) was identified as a new position. In June 2023, NWCG staff initiated the SOFF position analysis, during which the Incident Position Description (IPD) was evaluated, and position standards, along with a Next Gen PTB for SOFF, were drafted. Project SMEs identified that a position-specific, self-paced, online training was appropriate for developing skills needed by a SOFF. The recommendation to develop a new course was approved by NWCG's Incident and Position Standards Committee in July 2024.

CURRENT STATUS

The *NWCG Incident Position Standards for Safety Officer, Field PMS 350-81*, and SOFF PTB have been published. NWCG is currently working to finalize the development of the training to accompany these standards.

RECOMMENDATION

Assign the course name and number "S-204, Interpersonal and Critical Thinking Skills for Safety Officers" to the new course. Assign stewardship for the course to the RMC, and maintenance responsibility to the NWCG Training and Development Program. The effective date will be the date of certification for the new course. The S-204 course will be made a training requirement for the SOFF position in the next release of the 310-1 following course certification.

APPROVED

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