



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

Curriculum Management Issue Paper #154

MODIFICATION OF COURSE NAME FOR S-420

BACKGROUND

In 2022, the NWCG Executive Board tasked (NWCG Tasking Memorandum 22-00) the Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC) to develop Incident Management Team (IMT) training materials for Complex Command & General Staff (C&G) trainees. In February 2023, the Executive Board directed (NWCG Tasking Memorandum 23-001-AMENDED II, 2025) IPSC to form a new Incident Management Team Course Steering Committee (IMTCSC) to develop an integrated, systems-based IMT training framework. This approach combines input from Type 3 IMT, S-520/620 Course Steering Committee, and Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC), supporting progression from basic to advanced levels.

CURRENT STATUS

IMTCSC, under the stewardship of IPSC, completed the development and evaluation of the intermediate IMT training course, S-420. The course number for intermediate training will remain at the 400 level, in keeping with course numbering standards. Note, under the 2026 NWCG committee reorganization, IPSC has been replaced with the Qualifications Management Committee (QMC).

RECOMMENDATION

Change the S-420 course name from S-420, Command and General Staff to S-420, Intermediate Incident Management. Effective date will be the date of certification of S-420, Intermediate Incident Management.

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