



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

IOSC Memorandum 26-01

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TO: Wildland Fire Community
FROM: Devin Haynie, Chair, Incident Operations Subcommittee
SUBJECT: Transition Plan for Implementation of Updates to the *NWCG Position Task Book for Firefighter Type 1 (Squad Boss) (FFT1)*, PMS 311-14

Purpose: The Incident Operations Subcommittee has recently revised standards found in the *NWCG Position Task Book for Firefighter Type 1 (Squad Boss) (FFT1)*, PMS 311-14. This memorandum provides transition direction to the field for implementation of this updated PTB.

Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

Issue: The Position Task Book (PTB) for FFT1 was updated to the Next Generation (Next Gen) format through the Incident Performance and Training Modernization effort in June 2025. In the Next Gen PTB, each task has a code indicating the type of training assignment where the task must be completed. Based on feedback received from the wildland fire community, IOSC has made the decision to update the code for task #13 in the PTB to reduce barriers to qualification in regions with limited use of aviation resources. Task #13 now allows for evaluation during a simulation in addition to on a wildfire or prescribed fire incident.

13	Coordinate and provide feedback to aerial resources.	W/RX/S
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**Task language remains unchanged from June 2025. Adds the "S" code.*

Trainees with an initiated Next Gen PTB may perform Task #13 on a wildfire incident, prescribed fire incident, or during a simulation. For trainees with PTBs published between June 2025 and April 2026 this may require a "pen and ink" change to the task code in the initiated PTB; in that instance, this memo should be attached to the PTB to document approval of the code change. Trainees with a Classic PTB initiated prior to June 2025 are not impacted by this change. See [IPSC Memo 24-07: Implementation of Next Generation Position Task Books](#) for more information on Next Gen PTBs.

Contact: For additional information please contact your Incident Operations Subcommittee agency representative. The member roster can be found at <https://www.nwcg.gov/committee/incident-operations-subcommittee/roster>.

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