



National Wildfire Coordinating Group
Incident and Position Standards Committee

IPSC-2022-14

Date: 15 November 2022
To: Chris Barth, Chair, Public Information Officer Subcommittee
From: Marlene Eno-Hendren, Chair, Incident and Position Standards Committee
Subject: Approval of Incident and Position Standards Committee Request for Change 2021-03, Public Information Officer, Type 3 (PIO3)

Purpose: This memorandum approves the content of Incident and Position Standards Committee Request for Change 2021-03 received from the Public Information Officer Subcommittee.

Action: Effective, January 2023 implementation of the new position standard for Public Information Officer, Type 3 (PIO3) has been approved. At the same time, the Public Information Officer (PIOF) will be discontinued and transition to PIO3.

Current Qualified PIOF: The process of historical recognition for the PIO3 position will be used for all current qualified PIOF upon updates to the NWCG Position Catalog in January 2023. All qualified responders will be transitioned from PIOF to PIO3 and will follow the new currency requirement as of the transition date.

Current Trainee PIOF: Current PIOF trainees will transitioned to a PIO3 trainee status in January 2023. The trainee will need to meet the new qualification standard for PIO3. Trainees will transition to the new PIO3 position task book (PTB); however, documentation of the position performance in the PIOF PTB should still be considered toward certification. Trainees initiating a new PTB after January 2023 will use the new PIO3 PTB.

The PIO3 PTB will be available at <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/position-taskbooks> upon release of the January 2023 PMS 310-1.

Background and Coordination: Questions may be directed to Chris Barth, cbarth@blm.gov Chair, Public Information Officer Subcommittee.

Attachment:
PIO3 Position Qualification Standard

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PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER TYPE 3 (PIO3)

Required Training

Basic Firefighter Training:

Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service (L-180)

Firefighter Training (S-130)

Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (S-190)

Intermediate ICS (ICS-300)

Advanced ICS (ICS-400)

An Introduction to the National Incident Management System (IS-700)

National Response Framework, An Introduction (IS-800)

Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (RT-130)

Introduction to Incident Information (S-203) **OR** All Hazards Position Specific Public Information Officer (E/L 952)

Required Experience

Satisfactory performance as a Public Information Officer, Technician (PIOT)

AND

Completion and Certification of NWCG Public Information Officer Type 3 (PIO3) Position Task Book (PMS 311-70)

Physical Fitness Level:

None

These Positions Maintain Currency For PIO3

Public Information Officer Type 2, (PIO2)

PIO3 Maintains Currency for These Positions

Public Information Officer Technician (PIOT)

Public Information Officer Type 2 (PIO2)

Other Training Which Supports Development Of Knowledge And Skills

Social Media in Emergency Management (IS-42)

Public Information Officer Awareness (IS-0029)

Followership to Leadership (L-280)

Fireline Leadership (L-380)

Incident Leadership (L-381)

Type 3 All-Hazard Incident Management Team (O-305)