



National Wildfire Coordinating Group Incident and Position Standards Committee

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Date: 10 April 2023
To: Travis Bailey, Chair, Incident Logistics Subcommittee
From: Marlene Eno-Hendren, Chair, Incident and Position Standards Committee
Subject: Approval of Incident and Position Standards Committee Request for Change to Reverse Communications Unit Leader (COML) Required Experience

Purpose: This memorandum approves the content of Incident and Position Standards Committee Request for Change (RFC) 2023-05 received from the Incident Logistics Subcommittee.

Action: Required experience for COML will revert to the previous requirement, prior to January 20, 2023, of satisfactory performance as an Incident Communications Technician (COMT) and Incident Communications Center Manager (INCM), and completion/certification of the COML position task book (PTB). Returning to the previous requirements is a direct reflection of the possible safety hazard (not having the required knowledge or skills to trouble shoot technical challenges within the incident communications network) created by the January 2023 required experience change that occurred. All COML PTBs that were opened after January 20, 2023, and where the trainee does not possess the required prerequisite qualification of COML and INCM will no longer be valid. This change will be effective immediately and reflected in the NWCG Position Catalog.

Background and Coordination: The IPSC previously approved RFC 2022-08, which reduced required experience for COML to satisfactory performance as a COMT or INCM and completion/certification of the COML PTB.

Please contact Michael Froelich, IPSC PMS 310-1 Steward, michael.froelich@ky.gov, if you have questions related to this approved change.

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