



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

Incident and Position Standards Committee

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To: Peter Dutchick, Chair, NWCG Training Delivery Committee
From: Marlene Eno-Hendren, Chair, Incident and Position Standards Committee
Subject: Request Update to *NWCG Standards for Course Delivery*, PMS 901-1, for S-520, *Advanced Incident Management Prerequisite Qualifications and Training*

Purpose: In 2023, the NWCG Executive Board, approved Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC) recommendation to discontinue the Type 2 qualifications pathway with the transition to complex incident management. As a result of discontinuing the Type 2 qualifications pathway, the current course prerequisites for S-520, *Advanced Incident Management*, as listed in the *NWCG Standards for Course Delivery*, PMS 901-1, are no longer valid.

Action: IPSC requests the currently listed S-520, *Advanced Incident Management*, Prerequisite Qualifications and Training in the PMS 901-1 be removed and replaced with:

- Individuals must complete one of the following training courses: S-420, L-481, or O-305. Nominations must be submitted with a current fire qualification record and with a narrative statement giving a brief background of the person nominated.
- Individuals must have an open task book for a Complex or Type 1 command and general staff position for the position they will be filling at the course.

Background and Coordination: The elimination of the Type 2 pathway has caused confusion with prerequisites for S-520. Lack of clarity in the requirements to attend S-520 has resulted in a number of students showing up unprepared for the advanced level training. The S-520 Course Steering Committee unanimously agrees on the proposed change to ensure students attending S-520 are best prepared for the level of instruction.

Questions may be directed to Todd Abel, tabel@dffm.az.gov, Chair, S-520/620 Advanced Incident Management & Area Command Course Steering Committee.

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