

# National Wildfire Coordinating Group Operations and Training Committee

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**Date:** 19 June 2019 OTC-2019-08  
**To:** Joel Kerley, Chair, National Interagency Aviation Committee  
**From:** Steve Shaw, Chair, Operations and Training Committee  
**Subject:** RE: NIAC Memo 18-07 Request to Add Aviation as a Core Component to the Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training

Your request to add aviation as a core component to Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training, RT-130 was considered by the Operations and Training Committee (OTC) and subsequently elevated to the NWCG Executive Board in March. The Executive Board determined that RT-130 was indeed a NWCG product. This determination settled the question of whether the core components of RT-130 were governed by NWCG or as a product of the *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*. As a result, a task group will be assembled to examine the current RT-130 core components along with all training materials and process. The task group will be led by Jeff Hughes, NWCG Training Development Program Manager, and consist of representatives from:

1. Operations and Training Committee,
2. Risk Management Committee,
3. Equipment Technology Committee,
4. Lessons Learned Center,
5. National Interagency Aviation Committee, and
6. NWCG staff.

The task group will be the appropriate venue to determine adequacy of the current core components along with adding additional components. Mr. Hughes will be reaching out to you for a committee member in the very near future.

Thank you for your original request and work to ensure annual refresher training encompasses the full suite of relevant firefighter topics. If you have additional questions or concerns please contact Steve Shaw, [srshaw@blm.gov](mailto:srshaw@blm.gov), or 208-387-5722.

Respectfully,



Chair, Operations and Training Committee

**Cc:** Jeff Hughes, NWCG Training Development Program Manager  
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