

# FBS Meeting Notes

**June 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 0900-1008**

1. Participants: Chris, Dan, Nathan, David Schultz, Brent, Mitch, Rocco, Nicole
2. IPTM Process for FBAN/LTAN (David S.)
  - a. Incident Performance and Training Modernization
  - b. Hoping to get a decision on which positions will go into the 2025 IPTN
    - i. Hoping for 30 positions for next round
    - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> group was 10 positions and this spring 16 more
    - iii. Next Feb...hoping for another 30
    - iv. Decision within the next week or so
    - v. FBAN and LTAN high on the list so odds are good
  - c. Some work can be done this summer if FBAN/LTAN gets put in the hopper
  - d. **PPT presented (will be placed in FBS sharepoint)**
    - i. Systems Improvement started as a Board tasking in 2015
    - ii. Goals of IPTM
      1. Performance based process to allow trainees to move thru the training system as quickly and efficiently as possible
      2. New task books will be created, simplified and tied to the new Incident Position Standards
      3. Move as much of the training to on the job or in the field
      4. Keep training to position specific
      5. Look for opportunities to create job aids that can be updated easier
    - iii. Look at every position in PMS 310-1
      1. Around 130 positions
    - iv. As new information comes in, create a system that is allowable for changes.
    - v. Reduce redundancies in task book
      1. Ex. Almost everyone has a "Have a kit" statement
    - vi. Scope and Deliverables
      1. Incident Position Description IPD
      2. Incident Position Standards
      3. Next Gen Position Task Book (PTB)
      4. Performance Support Tools (training & job aids)
      5. Updated Position Page on NWCG site
    - vii. Position Steward
      1. Lots of discussion about this internally
      2. This committee is steward for FBAN and LTAN

3. Work closely with IPSC and other identified stakeholders to establish quals requirements
  4. 3 main items
    - a. Establish standards
    - b. Develop Qualification requirements
    - c. Create Training and performance support products
- viii. SME's are key to this effort!
1. Looking for around 7 established SME's
  2. Generally, travel needs to be paid for by the home unit but there is some flexibility for some entities
    - a. State and USFS has set aside a little bit of \$\$\$ for this effort
  3. SME recruitment vide has been created and use the "Button" to submit whether your interested
  4. Expectations of SME
    - a. 4-day workshop (in person) in Boise in Feb '25
    - b. Attend a 90 min virtual pre-workshop mtg
    - c. Provide initial position information (2-3 hrs) self paced prior to the in-person
    - d. Attend virtual design workshop tentatively set for May/June '25
    - e. Review & provide expert feedback (1-2 hr mtg and up to 15-20 hrs per month self pace and all virtual)
    - f. Assist with final edits and test course evaluation
  5. Lead SME expectations
    - a. Need for a strong commitment and has time
    - b. Communicates project progress and milestones to position steward
    - c. Assist in adjudicating SME review comments & feedback
  6. Chris asked about membership on committee and also serving as a SME?
    - a. David: if members available to be an SME then that is great, has worked different ways
- ix. General Timeline (around 18-month process)
1. Project Initiation
    - a. Steward briefing
    - b. Charter approved
  2. Analysis
    - a. SME's work with contractor
  3. Design if needed
    - a. Plan created and approved by committee

4. Training Material Developed
5. Evaluation Test Course
  - a. Training material delivered and evaluated by testing cadre
  - b. Committee approval
6. Certification
  - a. Materials approved according to NWCG Certification Workflow
7. Project Closeout
- x. Actual Timeline if FBAN/LTAN selected
  1. SME group selected by end of Oct
  2. Analysis due around Feb
  3. April/May steward committee briefing
- e. For additional info [www.nwcg.gov/iptm](http://www.nwcg.gov/iptm)
- f. Chris asked whether it was a waste of time to continue with S-490/390 revisions etc but David assured no.
3. Mann Gulch Updates (Dan)
  - a. Dan, Sam and NTPD had a mtg
    - i. Purpose: get some LiDAR data (higher resolution)
    - ii. Unfortunately don't have capacity based on the timeline needed for 75<sup>th</sup> aniv
    - iii. Could get flown by 75<sup>th</sup> but takes time to get it into a usable project
  - b. Dan has a call to John McClean (keynote speaker for 75th) soon
  - c. Dan has noticed some updates to Stand 2
4. Went thru Action Items from Spring Mtg (Chris)
  - a. Have found a S-290 test course identified in WA during June
    - i. Therefore, need to do a mtg in July
    - ii. Cancel Aug mtg and probably have mtg in Sep
  - b. Chris
    - i. Waiting for response from Todd Abel for Staff ride (Yarnell)
    - ii. Glossary....reached out to Chuck who is leading that effort
      1. Nate: looked at FBS terms and took a stab at making some changes
      2. Gabriella is gathering up terms from various websites and we may get additional terms
    - iii. Cache: hasn't contacted yet about publications (Appendix B etc)
    - iv. Videos: received an email from NWCG
      1. Can't do a separate sub-channel but process moving forward
    - v. Gary Luce (NAFRI): gave Chris some available dates and he forward to David/Tonja to provide to Steering committee
      1. Spoke to GATR chair about idea

- 2. Most in favor in combining several GACC's 490 into one 490 but unsure whether it will be taught at NAFRI or not
  - vi. S-590 content review with Instruction Design Committee
- c. Dan
  - i. KAS in limbo til July
    - 1. Will talk with Annie
    - 2. Contract (sole source) working its way thru system
    - 3. Haven't contacted Dave Schultz about starting WFIT process yet
  - ii. Sam did send out an email about additional review for Mann Gulch
- d. Ryan
  - i. Some travel \$\$\$ possible for Jan Mtg
- e. Brent
  - i. Never heard back from Darren about either action item but did work with Mitch on FBFRG revisions and including HI write-up
  - ii. David S.
    - 1. said he is working with webpage folks about getting the Haines/LAL posted
    - 2. July 16<sup>th</sup> mtg...update with the board
- f. Nate: some definitions need a good massaging
  - i. Sent 1<sup>st</sup> stab to Dan/Chris
- g. Tonja
  - i. Chris received email from Tonja about reaching out to Cache about getting ordering process cleaned up for pocket guide
  - ii. SME's for S-490: Dennis Burns, Tim Chavez and Matt Butler interested
  - iii. S-491 requirement working thru IPSC/will vote soon
- h. Mitch:
  - i. S-290: expecting some follow-up after test course
    - 1. June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> in person days for course
  - ii. FBFRG: Ton of updates made (broken links/typos/remove Haines/LAL/NFDRS/critical fire wx patterns for HI/need to update fire charts to make more current)
  - iii. Pocket Guide: not nearly as many updates needed, typos, safe separation distance info
  - iv. Future agenda item: a lot of work updating online document (download each page individually...convert to pdf...track changes et)
    - 1. Took 30 min to change 1 typo
    - 2. No solution but would love to have more access to make updates
- i. Matt:
  - i. S-390 mtg ongoing on today and tomorrow
  - ii. Contractor ICF has come prepared, asking good questions

- iii. Challenge to make Behave agnostic (no screen captures) so when a new Behave comes out course flexible for change
  - iv. Behave taught 2 ways for courses
    - 1. S-390: intro
    - 2. S-490: vectoring
- 5. Next Mtg in July and likely regular scheduled date/time
- 6. Round Robin:
  - a. Dan:
    - i. Safety Zone:
      - 1. briefing safety zone groups, firescope etc
      - 2. Outreach moving forward
      - 3. Some glitches with website
      - 4. IPSC feedback
    - ii. Mann Gulch
      - 1. Planning to attend 75<sup>th</sup> aniv
      - 2. Sam working on a 5 min teaser that will play on a re-occurring loop
      - 3. Point to You Tube site
  - b. Nate: tentatively selected for AK GACC fire analyst
  - c. Brent: mainly FBFRG revisions and Video work since the spring mtg
    - i. No real movement on videos with some cancelled calls
    - ii. Working on Stability
  - d. Mitch: NWCG web edits...will chat with David soon
    - i. Perhaps set something up to give ability print out entire document vs just single pages
  - e. Rocco: fire season ramping up
    - i. 2 sessions of S-290 last week
      - 1. Got some good input from students
      - 2. Online stuff super good
  - f. David: wrote down what Mitch mentioned and will check internally about webpage stuff
  - g. Nicole: no updates but if need additional eyes on glossary willing to look