

Fire Shelter and PPE Subcommittee

Meeting Agenda

0900-1100 Mountain, May 20, 2021 on Teams

- Any additional agenda items or new business?
 - New NWCG Coordinator Chris Marks
 - Tony Petrilli's last call!
- Action Item Status (Fransted):
 - ACTION ITEM: Committee members review white paper prior to next call.
 - Open discussion on helmet white paper: Clinton Hamilton, CALFIRE pushing for additional helmet options.
 - Any testing should first be run by MTDC, Godot.
 - NFPA standards. Should first make sure we have a good reason to deviate from any current recommended/set standards.
 - **ACTION ITEM (new): Godot, FS: Will provide a list of approved helmets and can assist in feedback format. BIA to possibly provide crew input throughout the season, other agencies can as well.**
 - ACTION ITEM: E. Fransted will submit PMS-210 recommendations on yellow shirts and shrouds (heat stress) language.
 - Done
 - ACTION ITEM: Let Fransted know if you're interested in working on developing PPE feedback methods, otherwise he will select a couple people to research and develop a proposal.
 - Seeking methods to provide input/recommendations.
 - Petrilli: options for individual product feedback.
 - Cnudde, FS: Need to ensure the proper form is utilized to collect data. Managing the data to include archiving and responding is a challenge. We struggle getting feedback from the field.
 - **ACTION ITEM (new): Yohn, NPS and NTDP to link ETC input form on our webpage and include PPE, Life Cycle calendar posting.**
- NWCG News (Chris Marks)
 - New NWCG Program Manager: Katie Wood
 - NIAC Approved new aerial ignition device for interagency use (Sling Dragon, which can be slung under a helicopter and controlled remotely by the FIRB. No extra person needed in the ship to operate the machine).
 - Safety Alert system page updated with instructions, definitions coming soon.
- Ongoing Project Updates:
 - Boots
 - Godot, FS: still working on the "charter." "Still in the initiation phase of this project."
 - This is going to be a multi-year project.
 - Important to recognize OSHA may require agencies to provide boots if we determine them to be specialized PPE (which could lead to boots nobody wants to wear, cache stocking challenges, etc.). If we keep the

standard as general “work boots” and provide a taxable fringe benefit, employees can purchase a boot that works best for them.

- Boot stipend for fed agencies likely to be increased to \$500 for a three years period or similar (\$167/yr.).
- Helmets
 - See action item above.
- Respirator
 - Domitrovich, FS: working with NIOSH to provide input regarding respirators.
- Clothing Toxins
 - Petrilli, FS: NIOSH is working on getting dirty clothing from the field. 3 year project.
- Women’s Pants
 - New POC below.
 - David Maclay-Schulte, 120 day detail behind Petrilli. David.j.maclay-shulte@usda.gov 406-396-4919
- IRPG Revision
 - Fransted: progress normal. Not expecting too many changes on this.
- Fire Shelters
 - Petrilli, FS: recommend using old shelters for shelter deployment training. Units need to report back any issues discovered. Investigating 1 reported delamination concern on a shelter used in training.
 - Inaccurate info regarding fire shelters was posted on Lessons Learned Center blog.
- Next Call: **9-11 Mountain, October 28, 2021.**