

NWCG Fire Shelter and PPE Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

0900-1100 Mountain, April 21, 2022 on Teams

Notes from January call are [posted here](#).

Welcome and Introductions

Any additional agenda items or new business?

- Glossary Terms Tasking, **Due back to ETC July 1st**.
 - **Godot will lead up the tasking, with assistance from Eric.**

Open Action Item Status

- **ACTION ITEM:** Research Helmet electrical rules vs. heat related issues. Start a task group to look into this issue.
 - **Godot Apuzzo (lead), Adrian Grayshield, Heath Bell**
 - **Define tasking/problem statement: “minimal risk of electrical shock” vs. heat reduction could allow for vented helmets of the same/current approved types.**
 - **Plan for report out for fall call.**
 - **Data collection plan.**
- **ACTION ITEM:** Bill Yohn and NTDP to link [ETC input form](#) on our webpage and include PPE, Life Cycle calendar posting.
 - **Should be ready to include in our website (Bill Yohn)**

NWCG News (Tim Blake)

Ongoing Project Updates:

- Boots
 - Footwear Questionnaire
 - **Godot:** questionnaire is out there. “saturate” the field with the questionnaire.
 - **400+ replies back from questionnaire**
 - Need a footwear category on webpage?
 - **“Hot Topic” on the webpage?**
- Helmets: **Need a feedback form for new models. Godot and Eric will develop.**
 - BIA purchased Pacific Helmets
 - **~ \$ 240-300, out of New Zealand. Back order at least two months with our current quantities to order BIA, 212 helmets to go into the field pending contracting.**
 - Vallfirest North America [website](#)
 - **~\$ 130-160 Ordered out of Spain**

[Respirator](#)

- Cal OSHA Respiratory Protection Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) formed
 - **Haven't met yet. First meeting scheduled for next month. Keep it in Cal for Cal.**
- Clothing
 - **Maclay-Schulte: Meeting scheduled May 11 with NIOSH.**

- Womens' pants status
 - Women's pants still in limbo state due to supply chain and NFPA specs. Possibly by next FY.
- NIOSH toxins study update
 - Still more info to come. Possibly next month.
- Fire Shelters
 - [Equipment Advisory](#) complete, picked up by [Wildfire Today](#)
 - ETC AAR scheduled 4/21 @ 3 mtn.
 - Training Update Posted?
 - Practice shelter cleaning instructions rescinded
 - ETC-Equipment Bulletin drafted – decide timing?
 - Need to update Shelter Deployment Stats on webpage
 - Rearrange shelter topics on webpage?
 - More pre-2006 shelters in service than originally thought.
 - Supply chain seems to be holding.
 - 2002 is a model number and this is confusing folks, when they are attempting to purchase post 2005 shelters
 - Ralph Gonzales: working with fedmall to ensure appropriate shelters are available.
 - BIA memo to be drafted by NFLT group.
 - Cache may have up to 5000 shelters in stock.
- Others?
 - 2022 Fire shelter Training Update has been posted to our website.

Bin Items

Round Robin

- Nothing that wasn't said during call.
- Replacement memos are sent out by most agencies.

Next Call: **September 22nd, 9-11 Mountain**