

National Coordination System Committee Conference Call Notes

Team Meeting see invite for link

April 25, 2023
Time: 1300 MST

Facilitator: NCSC Chair (Sean Peterson)

Participants: Jerald Naugle, Gina Dingman, Kara Stringer, Katie Williamson, Jerilynne Hayes, Katie O'Hara, Jeffrey Lee, Brian Rhodes, Teresa Rose

Participants: David Lee, Nicki Johnston

Agenda Items & Notes	Presenter
NWCG Update	Katie O'Hara
NCSC: Update on any changes to current/carry over items. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frequency Catalog• DCAT• Dispatch Academy• PMS 512 Update• Wildland Fire Series and Dispatch Update• Bin Items	Kara Kara Sean Sean Brian Rhodes All
Round Robin /SC Projects Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dispatch Position and Curriculum Management SC: Gina Dingman○ National Interagency Computer Aided Dispatch SC: David Lee○ Website Redevelopment Project: Sean Peterson○ CDAT	All
Date and Time of Next Call: May 23, 2023	

NWCG

IPTM has kicked off first couple of positions and should have the process solidified by the time dispatch positions come up.

Dispatch positions will come up a year or so from now.

Working through substantial list of aviation projects currently.

Frequency Catalog

There have been many discussions regarding the new API to change the ROSS, and now IROC, catalog to include frequencies.

The goal is to move all frequencies from the aircraft section to their own stand-alone catalog with a January 1, 2024 timeline.

Advocate NCSC to be the "co-steward" of this data moving forward.

System of record (EDGE) is currently working on couple of pilots programs.

Historically, the data was put into IROC, but IROC will no longer be the official record management system.

Users will no longer be able to go into IROC to add, remove, or edit frequencies and frequencies will not be added on the fly like they have been.

Currently working with Agency Frequency Managers to complete a data call to collect and vet all frequencies.

NCSC member(s) to present data, decisions, processes, and workflows with other groups:

-Katie Williamson

DCAT

Output data elements had notes that there would need a standard approved which is unneeded as the standards are only for integration purposes.

Data output values will not be exchanged, and the input values are already correct.

Kara and Katie O will fill out the template and submit before it goes to WIFFIT for implementation.

They are starting to see traction for the actual application.

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FS regional fire directors are interested and would like to see the documents for DCAT.

Currently have a 1-pager on how to get the information out of IROC and what you need to do to get started in creating the Excel that can be shared.

There is language on the business plan stating that this is a starting point for folks to work from in addition to giving data and analytics behind it.

There should be some sort of communication strategy letting people know this tool exists and where to find it.

Draft memo recommending the DCAT tool usage and revisit at next month's meeting to finalize.

-Kara Stringer, Katie O'Hara, and Sean Peterson

Dispatch Academy

Sean P sent out a memo seeking participation in a task group with a May 15, 2023, deadline.

Request inclusion from tier 3 centers as SMEs.

Next meeting, review who is signed up, the intended size of the task group, and choose task group members with focus on interagency considerations including states.

PMS 512 Update

Need to clarify any current change requests for PMS 512.

Katie O'Hara will look into a "formal process" with the publication team as well as the current form with the web team.

Revisit at next month's meeting with follow-up from NWCG.

Wildland Fire Series and Dispatch Update

There has been a determination made on the Forest Service side relative to dispatch positions though it's a complex list from classifications tied to specific PDs and will include all individuals on the Initial Attack side of local dispatch centers (individuals though in the 2151 series have been excluded) including ACMs and CMs as well as most positions at the GACCs.

Series has nothing to do with pay so the proposed firefighter pay increase by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture would still apply.

In the proposal, primary and secondary positions with fire retirement coverage will be eligible for the special pay rate like in the current system.

BLM is trying to do away with 301 and FS is still using it for those higher positions. Will the DOI continue to accept the 301 series?

-Cannot speak specifically to that. Agencies make different choices than OWF. OWF acknowledges FS will continue down that road and the program understands and wants to adopt the 301 series positions. Where internal friction comes from is the 401 series positions. There has been strategic and concerted effort made to move most program manager positions to 401 series around the education requirement. FS has been up front with DOI about having no plans to take the same route and will probably be decreasing the number of 401 series positions and moving towards 301 series which is more applicable to the positions.

Not abandoning the 401 program, but assessments and determinations will need to be made to decide which positions should require the positive education program. The decision will not be made based on GS level.

DOI is also completing a program management review as part of their series implementation process.

For the 301 series positions not moving into the new series, is there a possibility for incentive to retain personnel at the higher levels?

-Most of those 301 series positions already have fire retirement coverage so they will be getting the bump in pay. It has to do with position and coverage, not the series.

-Do the positions need to have 6c coverage? -That is to be determined.

Much like the current BIL, the determination will be made based on the position. A person may not be in fire retirement themselves, but if the position qualifies for fire retirement, the person will receive the pay increase to fulfill the Secretary's intent for the broadest application that covers the most people.

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Intentionally not addressing fire retirement coverage for dispatchers right now since that conversation has yet to take place. They will be talking to the Union about their concerns first and then send PDs up. Fire retirement is a department decision, but the hope is that dispatch positions being included in the 456 series will enhance the probability of fire retirement inclusion.

Conversations with departments around IA dispatchers has bolstered an understanding of positions and fire retirement consideration.

Is there a communication plan?

-Currently waiting for HRM to take the lead as much of this information will have to come from them and how they choose to formulate the communication.

-Caution against putting this information out electronically, social media, pen and paper, etc.

-At this time, it's acceptable to communicate with coordinating groups, local staff, and workshops letting people know they are being taken care of. Have not heard from DOI yet so maintain respectful communications and be cautious of potentially creating and spreading rumors with false narrative.

Law Enforcement Survey

Requests have been made in several capacities to put out Law Enforcement, Search & Rescue and PII within CAD systems.

Questions seemed skewed toward workload in building the survey as some centers have personnel with the ability to input in several data bases and others don't have the bandwidth.

The result has been some data within our systems that shouldn't have been there and wasn't being offloaded appropriately, increasing the risk of a data breach. DOI, specifically NPS and BLM, have voiced apprehension for having this data in the system.

Centers across the country deal with LEO support differently.

Not everyone is following the PII process in the systems and fatalities seems to be the most frequent concern.

There is need to figure out what is currently in the system and how to ensure the information doesn't continue getting placed in the system.

Being asked to come up with standard language regarding PII.

The survey should be reviewed by NCSC as the parenting body and then be pushed out by NICAD as state-sponsored and hosted on a state site. -Karis will initiate the email.

Dispatch Position and Curriculum Management

Great Basin is meeting in Boise next week for D-310.

SW provided additional updates that will be completed during the course and a scribe will capture other update needs.

A reshuffle of units in D-310 is being completed to get rid of the student workbook and create a user guide.

Next, they will be reaching out to CAD to pull the platform into D-311 and D-312.

D-110 is complete and up on the NWCG site ready to be accessed. The course is just waiting for final approval from the group.

National Interagency Computer Aided Dispatch

Rollouts continue, bringing centers online.

Discovered several issues with hot fixes being completed nightly as well as weekly.

Everyone should have access to OAT to start getting hands-on experience.

WildWeb continues to be a priority.

Website Redevelopment Project

FS signed off on a 120-day detailer for website modernization program manager that they're hoping to announce in the next week.

-Start around the beginning of June

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GB got 5 personnel fully aircraft qualified.

Good feedback has been received verbally but a survey has not yet been sent out.

Many would like to see it moved out of Reno so will look for more centralized location.

Send survey out in the next couple of weeks.

Sean P will work with Teresa to create a survey, to host on the DNR site.

Gina – NTR

Jerri – Currently teaching D-310 at McClellan with Gina P assisting. Hoping to share findings with Gina D.

David – NTR

Jeff – NTR

Jay – NTR

Teresa – NTR

Kara – Presented IRWIN v9 business plan last week (5 months earlier than normal) and have been getting questions on incident names. Awareness that it seems people are trying to solve something that should be done in integration rather than in naming. Language that says shouldn't include extraneous information within the name.

Katie – Vacancies in leadership positions in RM area = creativity in hiring processes. Many ACM and CM vacancies.