

## National Coordination System Committee Conference Call Agenda

**Team Meeting see invite for link**

September 26, 2023

Time: 1300 MST

**Facilitator:** NCSC Chair (Sean Peterson)

**Participants:** Sean Peterson, Jeffrey Lee, Shauna McIntosh Harris, Claire Smith, David Lee, Jerilynne Hayes, Kathy Pipkin, Nicki Johnston (admin)

Agenda Items & Notes	Presenter
NWCG Update	Sean (Katie OH. On A/L)
NCSC: Update on any changes to current/carry over items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Request for Radio and Network Tech Committee</li><li>DCAT Business Plan Update</li><li>PMS 250 Update</li><li>Dispatch Academy Task Group Update</li><li>Dispatch Series Update</li></ul>	Sean (Katie W. on A/L) Kara All Sean Sean
Round Robin /SC Projects Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dispatch Position and Curriculum Management SC: Gina</li><li>National Interagency Computer Aided Dispatch SC: David</li><li>Website Redevelopment Project: Sean/Ryan Tippetts</li><li>CDAT: Sean</li><li>Bin Items:</li></ul>	
Date and Time of Next Call: October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	

### NWCG Update

New coordinators have been selected and will be shuffling committee responsibilities around.

Katie O' Hara will remain NCSC, NICAD, and Dispatch Academy committee liaison.

EDSD and EDRC analysis work will begin in a couple of weeks.

Annual NWCG meeting will be in Boise in February.

Will try to have NCSC annual meeting in coordination with the NWCG meeting.

Executive board is currently reviewing a proposal for NASA to join the board.

### Request for Radio and Network Tech Committee

DOI HR has asked Katie to help revise dispatch PDs for all positions creating a GS 3-12 ladder at local levels.

They are meeting every Tuesday and Thursday and will submit updated dispatch PDs by December.

USDA is supportive of the DOI timeline for December despite the agencies not working closely with each other.

USDA may take what DOI completes for IA dispatchers and adopt it.

DOI has stated all dispatch positions will be given the option to move to the WFF series including the 2151 series.

There will be no requirement for 90-days of fire experience. This is a double-edged sword as it's important for FMOs to have confidence in their dispatchers' fire knowledge but dropping the requirement opens the hiring pool quite a bit.

USDA will include IA dispatchers but there are unknowns for CMs and ACMs.

Katie is also creating a Radio and Network Tech Committee that will tackle creating a board for radio interoperability as the inconsistencies at the local levels cause extreme concerns and issues.

### DCAT Business Plan Update

There have been no changes to the business plan, and it is essentially finalized at this point.

Kara will present to FMB Exec Board.

**Revisit at October meeting to finalize the plan.**

### PMS 250 Update

Data has been submitted to Bighorn Group, and the coding can either be auto populated or manually entered.

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There is concern with the kneeboard not being an obligating document and the financial codes often changing.

Don't agree with the nomenclature always being a fire code rather than a financial code as it can change.

The coding is on the resource order and should not be a mandatory field on the kneeboard. -Support

The initial kneeboard doesn't necessarily have the correct/finalized coding anyways as it's needed for initial aircraft launch.

### Dispatch Academy Task Group Update

The group is looking at facilities, PDs, and curriculum development for basic, intermediate, and advanced academies.

Gina and Jeri will be looking at the complete academy curriculum to ensure wholeness.

There are also several SMEs who will be discussing what type of fire experience should qualify towards the 90-days.

They still need to complete a deep dive of funding, housing, facilities, etc.

There has been much discussion on multiple regional academies since there are parallel efforts in some GAs, but the decision was to keep things simple at the beginning and explore expansion to regional centers later.

The goal is to find a location that is already established with infrastructure, housing, IT support, etc.

The dispatch groups working through each topic will give a report out to the whole dispatch academy group at the end of next month for recommendations with the hope to discuss with NCSC in November.

Funding on the OWF side shouldn't be an issue and USDA has been put on notice that funding will be needed to stand this program up in 2025.

Leadership for both agencies have dispatch high on their priority list.

### Dispatch Series Update

Sean will try to get something formal sent out on where USDA stands.

Sean will touch base with Brian Rhodes and report back.

### Dispatch Position and Curriculum Management

The D-310 rewrite group met in GB last week.

The group started working through the simulations rather than teaching portion, acting as students and coaches working through the courses so they could give feedback and make tweaks in real-time.

The group got through the first two simulations and are working through the next two simulations this week.

The D-311 rewrite group will be working on updates in GB October 10-13.

### National Interagency Computer Aided Dispatch

Everyone should be operating in E except for some of the locally hosted centers.

The legacy instances have been spun down.

WildCAD-e has been transitioned to monthly updates other than the necessary hot fixes that come up.

NICAD is also working through hundreds of change requests though some of those have been addressed in updates.

### Website Redevelopment Project

The vendors that have been scheduled are still working on previous projects.

Ryan is working with FS FAM-IM and doing much of the coding himself.

He's currently working on the EA and Indiana websites.

The EA template should be done by Nov 1 before the template is passed onto other GAs over the winter.

The Indiana site template will be passed on to other local centers next spring.

### CDAT

We are still aiming for hosting another CDAT Spring 2024, someplace other than Reno or Las Vegas.

Sean will start working on setting this up in October.

FS will fund CDAT this year.