

National Coordination System Committee Conference Call

Team Meeting see invite for link

November 28, 2023

Time: 1300 MST

Facilitator: NCSC Chair (Sean Peterson)

Participants: Sean Peterson, David Lee, Jerald Naugle, Kara Stringer, Katie Williamson, Claire Smith, Jerilynne Hayes, Gina Dingman, Kathy Pipkin, Teresa Rose, Nicki Johnston (admin)

Agenda Items & Notes	Presenter
NWCG Update	Katie
NCSC: Update on any changes to current/carry over items. • IPTM/Revisions of EDSO/EDRC Positions • New GACC Rep Membership/Vice Chair/Thank you memo • Dispatch Academy Task Group Update • Dispatch Series Update • Annual Meeting Date Set • Letter to NIAC • Budget Request	Gina Sean Sean Sean Sean Sean All
Round Robin /SC Projects Updates ○ Dispatch Position and Curriculum Management SC: ○ National Interagency Computer Aided Dispatch SC: ○ CDAT: ○ Bin Items:	Gina David Sean All
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NWCG Update

IPTM/ Revisions of EDSO/EDRC Positions

EDSO/EDRC Analysis is underway in Boise this week! – Anticipate phase 1 deliverables (outline of standards, items to include in the Next Gen PTB, and any recommendations for training updates/changes) to come out mid-Feb

Next four Dispatch positions – It is likely that we'll need to shift those dates from January to March due to contracting delays. Could you pulse the group to see if there are any major red flags with the first or second weeks of March to conduct the analysis for all four positions.

The first week of March is not doable but can meet second or last week of March.

The IPTM group has discussed splitting the dispatch position work into 2 groups working on the IA and Aircraft positions at one time and then the Logistics and Supervisory positions.

Annual Meeting – Feb 20-21 - agenda is still in the works – Theme is “NWCG Past, Present, and Future” all chairs and subgroup chairs are invited.

The IROC group has been helpful with D-310.

Great Basin will be the first group to beta test in May in at the Great Basin training center.

Created a real-world environment within the course to allow for the best simulation possible.

New GACC Rep Membership/Vice Chair/Thank you Memo

Kathy Pipkin will be retiring next month.

Sean will create an email to send out requesting another GACC member representative.

Dispatch Academy Task Group Update

The task group last met on October 26.

The task group split into several subgroups for facilities, PDs, curriculum levels, and fire experience requirements. McClellan, Nafri, and the Alabama training center are all being looked at as options for facilities.

PDs are being looked at to decide if the DOL needs to be involved with contracts being created.

A majority of the group would like to move forward with agency-only positions and not get the DOL involved.

D-510 is not included in the advanced curriculum.

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The basic academy will include pre-work such as IS-100 and S-110 with basic fire school so dispatchers are comfortable together and can ask questions.

The group would like to put on S-130 and S-190 with the field day.

L-180 is being discussed for addition.

D-310 would like to be added but perhaps should be completed after one season in dispatch.

There would be a total of 95 hours of education as the proposed courses stands.

The intermediate curriculum would be built up from the basic curriculum.

Leadership courses should be added into all levels of curriculum.

The academy cannot circumvent NWCG requirements for EDSO qualification.

Region 5 FS is currently working towards building a dispatch academy and would like integration with this training environment.

As we start working through some of these courses, we want to make sure the workflows are in place for integration with other systems and groups.

The training environments would have non-production data which would be the key for getting through the security concerns.

Several different areas are also working on creating dispatch academies that we'll need to work with.

How do we vet who is going to be accepted into the academy and at what level? It's been discussed but there hasn't been a decision made yet.

Is there a refresher module that can be utilized for ADs included in the academy?

The dispatch academy is focused on getting permanent, full-time positions hired into more centers.

There are 11 different NWCG qualifications that might be included from start to finish through the entirety of the dispatch academy.

L-380 would be continued with S-491 and INTS the second week followed by a staff ride for the advanced class.

90-day fire experience requirements might possibly be removed for dispatch and all secondary fire positions. There are a variety of other opportunities that could be considered.

S-491 sunseting has not yet been rediscussed as a permanent requirement.

Dispatch Series Update

DOI has drafted GS 3-9 major duties for the PDs but without clearance for 456 series inclusion, the group is at a standstill. There needs to be clarification on interagency supervision.

The hope is to have everything done by December 31, but may request an extension into January or February as needed.

FS has not been engaged and will probably adopt what the group comes up with.

FS does have some questions regarding sunseting the 90-day requirement and whether they truly agree with what that means.

Brian Rhodes is maintaining his role as the FS contact.

Annual Meeting Date Set

February 6-7 in Boise.

Should start putting together a formal agenda.

NCCM is meeting next week.

Letter to NIAC

The interim period will go away in January for aircraft dispatchers.

When reports were run recently, not all aircraft dispatchers are currently qualified.

FS and regional fire directors want the policy retracted.

FS aviation will be pushed to relinquish this.

Support the language that says if you don't have one, you must have one on order.

It's not that we aren't trying to get people qualified, it's that there's a lack of personnel with the ability to get more people qualified.

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Sean will draft a memo to send to the group for review to be sent to NIAC.

Budget Request

Any requests for budgetary items starts now.

Positions and details may need to come out of the WO.

Dispatch Position and Curriculum Management

D-310 is almost completed.

D-311 group is with Kara and Bighorn to see if they are able to provide any help but curriculum and student workbook updates are being completed.

May start the process on D-312 before D-311 is complete based on timeline.

D-312 may be cut down with fewer duplications.

The INTS course put on a couple of weeks ago seemed to go well.

National Interagency Computer Aided Dispatch

One federal dispatch center is still on legacy CAD but should be getting transitioned soon.

The main focus for the initial tasking has been met and is now in the maintenance phase.

Each CAD will probably have their own unit under the group which will be acting more as a NWCG subcommittee.

State CAD systems will be included in committee representation.

CDAT

Had three bids for locations in Denver but the FS will not put any down payment down which will not work for any of the meeting location options.

Propose hosting CDAT in October in Denver to allow Sean to put the proposal package together for submission to the FS.

Propose creating a multi-year contract with one location for planning purposes.

D-510 is hosting two sessions in October 2024.

Many systems are switching into code freeze in the fall and have fewer people to teach courses.

International Incidents and Resource Mobilization

Started walking through situations and examples where fires cross international boundaries.

Task group created a list of information that should be added to the fire reporting and the incident information.

The group also recommend revisions to NWCG Event Kind Categories to include the incursions to differentiate with starts.

Discussing an additional NWCG Event Kind Category for importing/exporting international resources and the appropriate creation of a financial code and correct relationship creations.

The coding isn't broken down by state department, it's by FireCode.

Incidents are created as Canada incidents but that could imply we are designating how their funds are being spent.

International responses should have incidents built as "support."

Fires that change jurisdiction don't have a new fire created so fires that cross the border shouldn't be new starts either.

The task group meets again Thursday, then will get the proposal to Sean to share with NCCM.