

National Coordination System Committee Conference Call Agenda

Team Meeting see invite for link

June 18, 2024
Time: 1300 MDT

Facilitator: NCSC Chair (Sean Peterson)

Participants: Sean Peterson, Katie O'Hara, Gina Dingman, Hannah Page, Brian Holmes, Jeff Walther, Andrea Lannen-Littlefield, Jeffrey Lee, Amy Lancaster, Claire Smith, Nicki Johnston (admin)

Agenda Items & Notes	Presenter
NWCG Update	Katie
NCSC: Update on any changes to current/carry over items. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Member Introduction• IPTM Revision• Flight Strip Standardization Update (NIAC Presentation)• Dispatch Academy Task Group Update• IFPM Discussion	Jeff/Amy/Hannah Gina/Katie/NWCG Hannah Sean Jeff
Round Robin /SC Projects Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ CDAT○ Website Standardization Project○ Bin Items:	Sean Sean All
Date and Time of Next Call: July 23, 1300 MDT*	

NWCG Update

Working through website updates, trying to backfill the webmaster position.

All website updates should be sent to Katie.

New Member Introduction

Jeff Walther: Deputy Center Manager, Pacific Northwest Coordination Center. Started in Fire Ops in the SW, transitioned to dispatch. D-510 Steering Committee Chair.

Amy Lancaster: Miles City Dispatch Center Manager, in dispatch for 25 years.

Hannah Page: Assistant Aircraft Coordinator at Northern Rockies Coordination Center.

IPTM Revision

Two groups of SMEs completed the analysis phase for ACDP, CORD, EDSP, and IADP in April.

Position analysis recommendations reports (PARRs) have been completed for each position for review.

D-110 needs minimal edits and changes, with Bruce out of RM taking that on.

For EDRC, D-110 must be completed either in a classroom setting or as a self-paced course.

For EDSD, D-310 must have edits to create accurate scenarios in IROC.

Scenarios were also updated to ensure the tasking is the inputs on the students rather than the wizards, with beta tests completed earlier this spring.

IADP – Unanimous support of revisions as written.

IADP and ACDP group looked at the re-write of D-311 and making that course a requirement that also included sections covering WildCAD and law enforcement.

ACDP – Unanimous support of revisions as written.

All A- courses will be coming from the agency with required D-310 from the dispatch side.

Maintaining your ACDP qualification also maintains your EDSD but not vice versa.

D-312 will be required and revamped once D-311 is complete.

D-311 has been added as a requirement.

A-courses and IAT courses matching would be up to the agencies and weren't focused on during the IPTM process.

EDSP – Unanimous support with added language regarding the required D-510 timeline.

Reviewed supervisory background pieces.

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Removed A-207.

Recommend requiring D-510 for the supervisory position.

Concern with requiring D-510 as it's currently only delivered every other year.

It could be a stretch on NAFRI and the cadre to put the course on each year.

Accommodating 30-40 people per class should be doable.

Nominations and passing the course pre-test are the main barriers for personnel completing the course.

Include language outlining the ability for people to open the task book with the ability to take the course at any time within the 3-5 years during which the task book is open, it doesn't have to be completed beforehand.

-Language can be included in the PARR as well as the public communication.

-The dispatch community will need to communicate the point as well.

There is some concern that there could be pushback from the community adding back a required class.

CORD – Unanimous support of revisions as written.

Require current qualification as ACDP and EDSP to be fully qualified as a CORD.

There must be a mechanism to bridge the gap and bring assistance to the IA department.

Currently have 78 qualified CORD in the system with only 15 not having IA or ACDP qualifications.

Most of the personnel in the system that don't have IA or ACDP qualifications are currently casual hires.

Clearly articulate on the web page that all positions will be required to perform duties in expanded and the IA shop despite the position names containing "expanded".

There will need to be re-education surrounding position duties until the name changes can be completed after IPTM.

Maintaining all courses under NCSC allows them to be reviewed and updated yearly to keep all information current.

Position Standards outlining how to complete the job and the Next Gen PTB will be new documents associated with each position and should be available for review by fall.

Anyone currently qualified and in the IROC system will be grandfathered in whereas anyone with a currently open task book will need to meet the new requirements.

The dispatch positions will be going in front of IPSC for the review at the beginning of July, particularly for the D-310-1 plan.

Next check in from Katie and Brian will be once final PTB and standards documents are created.

Big Horn working on D-311 scenarios end of July.

Planning for the D-312 re-write to be complete February 2025.

Flight Strip Standardization Update (NIAC Presentation)

NIAC briefed last week and seemed supportive.

NIAC requested state representative involvement in form creation.

NIAC will be vetting the form and standard practice as well as collecting feedback from subcommittees.

Working group will be soliciting an additional round of feedback from the aviation and dispatch communities on the current draft of the flight strip.

Significant edits and feedback should come back through NCSC for approval and review.

Dispatch Academy Task Group Update

FAM-12 met last week and did not discuss the academy but will at the meeting in two weeks.

Consolidation of the two advanced academies into one would be better received.

Recommended continuing to look for travel funding for cadre and students.

Will continue to push forward for academy next spring.

IFPM Discussion

Review whether the current IFPM standards for CM and ACM/lead dispatchers are adequate.

The IFPM is not a PD, rather the basic qualification needed to complete the functionality of the job.

The -300 level was landed on for adequate Center Manager positions, but D-310 in addition to D-311 would be appropriate minimum standards.

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Ensure additional barriers aren't created but center managers should understand both sides of the house.

IFPM PD standards thought the logistics would be the best template.

EDSP and EDSD went with the more basic courses following D-310.

Center managers are expected to have some fire business (260), basic IA (D-311), and logistics (D-310) without having the background to understand and lead those types of discussions.

There may be additional operations courses that translate across, but more than EDSD should be required for a center manager.

Some agencies would like to get rid of the S-491 requirement due to workforce development and the roadblock it may cause in filling positions.

If S-491 is removed as a requirement, it should be replaced with courses that include the business and IA sides.

A CORD would likely be brought in to backfill behind a center manager with IA and aircraft requirements so the same knowledge should be expected of the center manager.

Ensure barriers aren't being created but not at the expense of having quality candidates with the knowledge needed to complete the job.

Requiring the courses rather than the qualification positions could be an appropriate middle ground.

Requiring the center manager to be qualified as an ACDP or IADP in addition to having the courses would be better for the center manager knowledge overall rather than having only the one position requirement.

Discuss the possibility of requiring leadership courses.

Sean will research how the IFPM process works and report out how changes can be made in July.

Revisit in July.

CDAT

Sean working with FS procurement on a location in Denver.

Website Standardization Project

EACC working on moving information from their current website to the new Microsoft Power Pages site.