

National Incident Management System Integration Committee

Conference Call Notes

July 16, 2019

On the call

Gordy Sachs (led the call), Mike Mattfeldt, Zeph Cunningham, Deb Fleming, Jeff Hughes, Ken Kehmna, Shannon Gurney, James Flue (call notes)

Notes

Comments Returned

1. NIMS Training Program Refresh (due 6-21).
Deb collected and submitted notes on comments received.
2. Revisit the USFA doc *Advancing the Capabilities of Type 3 Incident Command Teams through Implementation of a Tiered System to Quantify Readiness*, Jeff Soule.

There was a special NIMS-IC conference called last (Thursday, July 11, 2019) to discuss the paper. In attendance were Jeff Soule, Geoff Wilford, Deb Fleming, Zeph Cunningham, Shannon Gurney, and Ken Kehmna. Jeff S. and Geoff W. discussed the comments received and addressed each in turn on that call.

On today's NIMS-IC call: Gordy said attendance was low for the call last week and Jeff and Geoff will reach out for more input. Ken K. spoke direct with Jeff...and feels Jeff is on a good track with something that is needed. Gordy says the concept is positive, feels the responses were not negative, just needs clarification of terminology... as well as clarification as to whether this applies to T3 Wildfire IMT's and/or just AHIMT's....both types of teams have similar issues, so the document may end up being a needed road map. Deb and Mike said NWCG Executive Board "and others" are circulating the paper...Executive Board has not been briefed yet. Several members on the call today said "details and specifics will be vital...especially concerning the T3 Wildfire IMT's and the AHIMT's issue".

Assignments & Updates

1. Training course releases. E/L 0967 NIMS ICS All-Hazard Log Sect Chief, E/L 0970 NIMS ICS Supply Unit Leader, and E/L 0971 NIMS ICS Facilities Unit Leader. These course are already released.

Mike...all these are in Logistics Section and he is looking for someone to look these over and summarize or give an assessment...Zeph volunteered. Zeph said he found the FEMA Food Unit Leader course to have little application to wildland fire (for example, no discussion of contracts, caterers, etc...)...and instructors have to rewrite or add to the curriculum to deliver to fire audiences.

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Zeph pointed out there are some issue with having certified instructors. Deb said there is an issue with qualified instructor direction from FEMA...she is bringing this issue up with GATRs...GATRs can identify the qualified instructors and talk to States to identify qualified state instructors.

2. Endorsements

This was Mike's topic he touched on briefly. Then Deb brought up a related topic. She had attended a meeting in Denver representing NWCG...NIC is putting together working groups addressing IMT PTB's and 509s...will be looking for SMEs to support the effort. She will keep NIMS-IC briefed.

Follow-On Discussion

1. Gordy suggests checking out the Resource Typing Library Tool and NQS link.

Deb questioned why NQS adopted FFT1 and FFT2...Do they need to be added to the 41 NQS positions that NWCG recognizes? Yes, Deb will get them added to the list so we don't lose track of them.

2. FEMA Supplemental Response (FSR) Team

Gordy stated FEMA was training 2 AHIMTs (CO and TX) to augment staffing FEMA IMATs. Intent is to have one SRT (Supplemental Response Team) in each FEMA region. There is a Draft MOU currently in FEMA hands...where FEMA works with Emergency Managers, and the FS will work with States, to advocate State wildland IMT's and AHIMTs share resources and personnel so they can mobilize through ESF4. Paul Hannemann worked this effort with FEMA for a 90 day detail recently.

3. ICAC – Incident Communications Advisory Council

Mike and Ken led this discussion. Ken had met with Aitor and Firescope...Aitor had done a good job representing NWCG. Ken said Comms needs to remain in the service branch of Logistics. Also commented on J6 versus Fire IMT or AHIMT intel comparison....very different things. Also stated new technology is advancing quickly. Deb will forward the Exec Board corespondence to NIMS-IC.

Round Robin

1. Gordy: Steve Griffin has filled one of the two open positions in Gordy's Branch...Steve's main duties will be the liaison with the NIMS-IC as well as NIC and will work on Supplemental Response Teams.

He reports Aug. Question for Mike...is there plans for in person NIMSIC meeting? Mike sees opportunity with upcoming meetings to do that. Gordy's other vacant job is in USAJobs, GS-12-13 Emergency Management Specialist...out now and closes next week.

2. Mike: New addition to his family! Congratulations to Mike and the new mom.

3. Ken: Ken is working with the Western Fire Chiefs Association on the Wildland Fire Policy Committee. The Committee is working on issues identified during the Wildfire Policy Summit. Issues were divided into five main topic areas: Pre-event, Event, Post-event, Tech and Insurance. The Chiefs were looking for any opportunity to use Federal, State, and local SME's. Ken volunteered to work on the Pre-event topic...which includes mutual aid, evac and repopulation, All Hazard bench strength, and hazard mitigation in WUI. Ken is looking for thoughts from SME's on these topics. Ken will share

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a document with NIMSIC from an upcoming strategic planning meeting in Reno on how to go forward. The meeting is scheduled for August 19-20. Will send that through Mike.

4. Zeph: Zeph gave an update of representing NIMSIC in Intelligence on Incident to the OTC. OTC did not adopt his groups input...group disbanded. OTC did not feel they had support from agency or states. See the attached paper Zeph submitted from OTC titled "OTC Intelligence Task Team Letter". Zeph feels issues still needs addressing.
He spoke to Jeff Soule on T3 Tiering...is a move in the right direction. NIMS-IC is very busy in the summer which led to low attendance at last week's T3 Tiering call....but likes his ideas, just needs clarification.

Next meeting

Conference call Tuesday, Aug 20, 2019