

NIMS-IC Conference Call Notes

18 August 2020

Roll Call

Mike Mattfeldt	Steve Griffin	Jason Steinmetz	Gordy Sachs
Paul Hannemann	John Ford	Tiffany Hudgins	Jeff Soule
Ken Kehmna	Barb Geringer	Zeph Cunningham	Jeff Hughes
Deb Fleming	Brian Sabin	Chris Darlington	Shelly Pelcher

- Griffin chaired.

General updates

- Griffin reported that Mattfeldt spoke with DMC, IPSC, and WFIT about endorsement tasking and potential impacts to their committees. Mattfeldt and Griffin are working on a draft tasking memo (due at the next NWCG Executive Board meeting on 9/16). No further information available for the group at this time.
- NPS approached Mattfeldt about adding a member to this committee as per past practice. No name available at this time.
- NIMS Alert 12-20 was recently distributed with Swiftwater Rescue-related position typing definitions. It's more relative to DOI given their technical rescue activities but take a look and provide comments directly or through this committee.
- Jeff Hughes spoke on NIMS Coordination Group meeting although he was only intermittently engaged due to other responsibilities. The group talked about what they are planning to do as they get back up to speed - at a higher level than he recalled – on items such as endorsements and data. Mattfeldt probably could provide more background. Shelly Pelcher, as project officer for the NIMS CG, added it was second meeting with good participation. One topic was a name change with the proposal to change the MOU to the NIC CG as the group encompasses more than NIMS responsibilities. The group will include a Planning Integration Branch and Technical Assistance. Subgroups of Technology, Communications, Training, and Law Enforcement will be expanded upon. As things progress, additional subgroups can be added. The group is also interested in reviving the Incident Complexity Guide for planning and training purposes. Next steps are another meeting for the main group in September and then LE and training subgroup meetings. Looking for more participants for training and LE. She's also looking for assistance with document review. Kehmna offered his help and Sachs recommended our NWCG training committee folks as well.
- Chris Darlington of FEMA participated in lieu of Hank and provided an IMT update. The challenge is availability of SMEs this year; they have been attempting to determine who from the earlier recruitment is still available. As of now, twenty-seven are currently still available allowing for two to a group. Each group's project officer will send the SMEs a folder with info on the positions in the group and a checklist of items to work on. They will likely accept more SMEs as they come forward. Due dates have been established for each role and there is hope for a national engagement period (would like 45 days) for all IMT positions; they are shooting for

October. Kehmna knows of many folks in CA with this particular experience who he can potentially tap for SMEs.

Wrap-up and Next Meeting

- Hannemann wanted to know if any follow-up or comments to last call's discussion on process for ICS-related content/changes coming from NIC. Any actions should trigger a process. Pelcher can't speak to specifics but know it's on the radar.