

NIMS-IC Monthly Teams Meeting

22 Nov 01

Roll Call

Yvette Mitchell	Steve Griffin X	Shelley Pelcher	Gordy Sachs X
Paul Hannemann X	Manuel Salas	Zeph Cunningham	Jeff Soule
Ken Kehmna	Barbara Geringer	James Christian	James Courtwright
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Discussion and Updates

Review Endorsement communication Plan: Minor edits provided



Endorsements
Communication Plan v

Glossary Terms: review feedback provided for the last remaining terms.

Input Provided:

Term	Comment
authority having jurisdiction	Definition is limited to "...qualification process...". Jurisdiction is potentially spatial and/or functional, but includes rule making, planning, and procedure development. I'd propose changing to "...qualification and planning processes and procedures..."
authority having jurisdiction	The definition is confusing, as "jurisdiction" typically refers to the full suite of legal authorities and responsibilities for an entity and is often used (wildland fire jurisdiction) in a context that is related to inherently government work, yet this application is specific to maintaining qualifications processes and explicitly includes private sector companies. Suggest adding clarification that the term is appropriate when discussing qualification programs and not related to incident jurisdiction.

incident	The new definition omits protection from damage to natural resources from incident criteria. This seems odd to me, that unless life or property are being protected, the occurrence is not an incident. Suggest a thorough review of fire management policy to ensure that redefining incident does not complicate responses to fires in AK or in wilderness areas where damage to natural resources may be the only protection objective. Or, edit to read, "protect life, property, or natural resources".
Incident Commander	There is no indication as to where the authority comes from. change to: "...The Incident Commander has overall authority and responsibility for conducting incident operations {under a delegation of authority, policy, rule or statute}."
Kind	Within our nomenclature in wildland fire data standards, we typically use "Category" as a more specific level of classification than Kind. If Kind is going to go into the glossary, perhaps Category should as well and specify that it is also a "grouping of items or people of the same nature or character or classified together because they have traits in common.", and is more specific in nature than "Kind".
Operations Area	"A {spatial} area over an incident, whether within an FTA or TFR, where aviation operations are taking place." The word "Area" could have implied functional capabilities in other definitions.

Discussion results:

Glossary Term	Feedback	Decision
Authority Having Jurisdiction	Two feedback pieces received - decided to change to NFPA definition instead of FEMA, which includes a broader definition as requested.	Update to: An organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure.
Incident	One feedback provided - made good point about not including natural resources in FEMA definition and decided to use NFPA definition which met everyone's needs.	Update to: Incident. An occurrence, either human-caused or a natural phenomenon, that requires action or support by emergency services personnel to prevent or minimize loss of life or damage to property and/or natural resources.
Incident Commander	One feedback provided - lacks source of authority for IC.	No change to proposed definition yet, group is mulling over adding DoA language.
Kind	One feedback provided - need to define category if defining kind.	Add to current proposed definition: Sometimes referred to as "category".

Operational Area	This was NIAC's term and not NIMSIC.	N/A
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Representation from Office of Wildland Fire (OWF): None needed, refer to Charter.

NIMS Alerts

Hank Rowland (FEMA)

Wrap-up and Next Meeting

Change next meetings to December 6, this will be the last meeting in 2022 unless another one is necessary.