

# NIMS-IC Monthly Teams Meeting

27 June 2023

## Roll Call

Steve Griffin	X	Paul Hannemann		Shelley Pelcher	Heath Cota	
Sarah Lee	X	Yvette Mitchell	X	Zeph Cunningham	Dave Gerboth	
Mike Rubenstein	X	Barbara Geringer	X	James Christian	Kristen Corkins	X
Hank Rowland	X	Brent Ruggles		Rodney Redinger	Danielle Cardenas	
Shawn Nagle	X	Joe Sean Kennedy		Gordy Sachs	Carol McElroy	X

## Discussion and Updates

### - Glossary Term – Incident Complexity Level

The glossary term Incident Complexity Level went out for review and the comment period closed May 26, 2023. Several comments were received.

As a reminder this is the definition posted for review: *The incident level established by completing an incident complexity analysis considering the level of difficulty, severity, or overall resistance the incident or event presents to incident management or support personnel as they work to manage it; a categorization that helps leaders compare one type of incident or event to another.*

The comments are:

- Consider mentioning the NWCG Wildland Fire Risk and Complexity Assessment (RCA), PMS 236, as a reference to the NWCG standard form for determining the complexity level. Overall, agree with the proposed definition though.
- This might be shades of my grade-school and high-school English teachers, but I hold to the "golden rule of definitions" that the definition should not / must not contain the term being defined. And the corollary is that you shouldn't have to look up 2-3-4 terms in the definition to understand it. So, to me, this definition is a FAIL. It starts out way too advanced and uses ALL of the words in the term (the words "level", "incident", and "complexity") in the proposed definition. I would suggest:  
Incident Complexity Level: The rating of the difficulty of a wildland fire or all-hazards event; a categorization that helps leaders compare one specific situation or event to a separate one. This level is established by completing an incident complexity analysis which considers the degree of difficulty, severity, or overall resistance to control which the incident or event presents to incident management or support personnel as they work to manage it.
- I agree with this change.
- IPSC supports this term.

**Reviewed and adjudicated the comments for the proposed glossary term for Incident Complexity Level. NIMSIC voted to keep the proposed definition as was originally submitted and to finalize the term.**

## NIMS Alerts

- Jun 27 (today): NIMS Survey first release
  - Small number (approx. 30) – Should be going to NCG Main Group member, so NWCG rep will see one.
    - Katie Wood is on this first one as NWCG rep.
  - More releases coming up in the coming months.
  - Basically, a tool to fill in capability gaps, info to help NIC target guidance/assistance needed.
- Jun 27 (today) 1400-1500 ET: ICT Guide webinar (just passed...but more coming)
  - Registrations are full but will be meeting today to discuss if more are needed or need to increase class size.
  - Other dates – Note: All these dates are full, too – Will update via NIMS Alert if any reopen.
    - July 13, 2023, 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET
    - July 27, 2023, 2:00 – 3:00 ET
    - August 17, 2023, 2:00 – 3:00 ET
- TBD – Putting together calendar of releases now.
  - Re-org has removed our Business Ops/Action Office, so we're working on a temporary (or potentially longer than temporary) solution with shared NIMS Inbox.

## Wrap-up and Next Meeting

July 25, 2023 @ 1500 EST