

Public Information Officer Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: 7/25/2019

Attendees:

Rudy Evenson (BLM), Candice Stevenson (FWS), Catherine Koele (NASF), Jan Lemons (NPS), Sean Collins (IAFC), Adrienne Freeman (NPS), Kerry Greene (USFS)

Also in Attendance:

Deb Fleming (NWCG Coordinator), Tina Boehle (CEPC Coordinator), LeighAnne Squires-Kazimir (NIFC)

Old Business

1. Roll Call/Self Check-in
2. Decision making process requires a quorum of 2/3rds, (5 people)
 - Approval of previous meeting minutes. Rudy moved to approve, Catherine seconded. June 27 call notes approved as minutes.
3. Deb update on OTC. New name, mission, and objectives approved. Transitioning in October to the "Incident Positions Standards Committee." They will have planning, ops, logistics and command. Working on business processes for interacting with those functional groups. More to come in the fall.
4. Sean's update from CEPC-- So far PIOSC's work is well accepted by the parent committee. Sean solicited 2 volunteers to support FEMA (see below under new business.)
5. Social media tasking update. Sean sent an email with cover to Deb for the web site; Deb said that should work. Deb just sent Candice the reformatted standards. Five of the links can only be reached from a Firenet account. Candice said she would check on the links and see if the referenced sources are posted elsewhere; if not, can they reside in Firenet? Deb said probably not but she will work with Candice to solve the issue.
6. PIO Incident Organizer. Deb and Jesse sent a message to Jan and are waiting to hear back from her. (Jan had agreed to take on this project during the June 27 call.)
7. T1-2 differences. Sean thanked folks who sent in their thoughts on the differences. He has not had a chance to collate the input, but overall the feedback is that T1 is a "supervisor of supervisors" and T2 can do all the work of a unit leader but more experience is needed in supervisory control for the T1 qual. T1s should have served as a lead on a T2 team first. Sean will work to pull the feedback together into a single document. Anyone who has additional feedback on this topic is still welcome to send it to Sean.
8. Continuing report from Working Meeting Assignments on T2 and T1 IPD's. At the last meeting, the group decided the T3 and PIOF IPDs were complete, but the T1 and T2 IPDs still needed finished. Sean now recommends that we put this on hold while we see where FEMA is going with their task books. Adrienne emphasized the need to determine what positions are needed in the field. Sean responded that PIOSC's proposed 4-tier system might (or might not) fit with FEMA's ideas, and his concept was to try to keep the wildland fire incident positions consistent with FEMA's incident positions. Adrienne replied that she

believes the fire information function is unique. Kerry suggested that the PIO3 qual could be used for many individuals who are currently in the 2 trainee position. Sean moved to hold off on IPDs until we know what FEMA is doing in their task book workgroup. Candice asked how soon we would have feedback from FEMA. Kerry said that work is scheduled for August. Candice expressed concern that waiting for FEMA will hold back PIOSC from meeting NWCG's time priorities. Leigh Ann said she can accept our IPDs at whatever stage of draft we have. Sean replied that we might want to finish tying up the T1 vs T2 differences. Kerry suggested just bringing the drafts as they are to FEMA and giving them to Leigh Ann now. Sean agreed to copy and paste all the T1 vs T2 comments into a document to circulate on our drive. Rudy suggested that everyone respond to the document by the next regularly scheduled call. Candice asked which document we are looking at, the tables or a consolidated comments; Sean replied that it is a consolidated comment summary.

New Business

1. Subject matter expert needed to work on task books with FEMA – CEPC has asked PIOSC to help out with this. PIOSC voted that Kerry should represent PIOSC on this task and if she needs support Adrienne will be the backup.
2. Subject matter expert needed to work on a safety message campaign with FEMA – Brian Harris will be taking this assignment.

Action Items

1. Rudy will take approved notes and create meeting minutes for the May 23 and June 6 calls.
2. All members will review Sean's consolidated comments document and be ready to discuss and vote up or down on a final table summarizing the incident position descriptions.

Other Business/Agenda Items for Next Call

Date for next calls:

August 22nd, 2 pm Eastern, 1 pm Central, noon Mountain, 11 Pacific.