

Public Information Officer Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: 07/23/2020

Attendees:

Candice Stevenson (NPS), Susie Heisey (FWS), Robyn Broyles (BIA), Catherine Koele (NASF), Chris Barth (BLM), Brian Harris (USFS)

Also in Attendance:

Deb Flemming (NWCG), Brian Harrison (NWCG)

Old Business

1. Roll Call/Self Check-in
 - Decision making process requires a quorum of 2/3rds, (5 people)
 - Minutes of June meeting were approved by Chris Barth, seconded by Robyn Broyles
2. CEPC – There is sample talking points and messaging for COVID working through NPS which will then go to External Affairs to review for interagency use. PIOs are looking to get on a consistent page for Prevention Teams.
3. NWCG Update - Jerney Sullens got the NWCG Program Manager Position (vice Sean Cross position). He will start Aug.16.
4. IPD update – A decision was made to hold off on making changes this year for PIO qualifications. We will wait until other changes align with our requested changes to PIO positions. In 12-18 months, there could be an endorsement for wildland fire in IQCS creating a clear way to order PIOs and other positions experienced in wildland fire incidents. We also have an update to the training (S-110) in process. Also, in process is Leadership Level definitions. There are 5 different leadership levels, behaviors and skills with expectations at each level. The proper level will be assigned to each position to create a better understanding of what is expected.
5. S-110 Update – Adrienne uploaded files from an exercise that revealed a wide gap in training versus on-the-job- experience. We will need to carefully engineer training recommendations based on the new IPDs because there is a large gap between what we teach and what we expect from PIO performance.
6. New Business - NIMS integration Task Team will receive a Delegation to define and document process. We will discuss on next call. Sean is nominated to represent PIOSC.

Action Items

1. Everyone - Review IRPG page update with social media guidance
2. Adrienne will follow up with Sean regarding NIMS Integration Task Team

Other Business/Agenda Items for Next Call

Date for next calls:

August 27, 2020 at 2 pm Eastern, 1 pm Central, noon Mountain, 11 Pacific