Public Information Officer Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: 8/25/2022

Attendees:

Chris Barth (BLM), Candice Stevenson (NPS), Catherine Koele (NASF), Sean Collins (IAFC), Brian Harris (USFS), Adrienne Freeman (USFS), Kerry Greene (USFS)

Also in Attendance:

Tina Boehle (CEPC)

Sarah Lee (NWCG)

Stephanie Bishop (note taker)

Committee Business:

1. NWCG Update
    - Systems Improvement update deferred to next meeting.

2. International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Update
    - FEMA is keeping the types 1, 2, and 3 going
    - FEMA/NIMS has not been briefed on the CIMT transition. The NIMS integration committee is approaching IWDG to begin the discussion and impacts to local and state governments in regard to FEMA grant funding requirements.

New Business:

1. InciWeb Update
    - PIOSC recommends using the FireNet naming convention for news, updates, photos etc.
    - Naming standards for USFS are different so we need agreement and consistency for USFS and DOI.
    - We are unsure how or who needs the ability to update unit information in InciWeb. The NWCG unit identifier board that would take any requests for adding any units not identified so they could be added to an InciWeb pick list.
2. NIMO IMT2 assessment for CIMT qualification
    - There has been push back on the communication about the evaluations for complex position qualifications. The people being evaluated are not understanding what is expected from complex positions.
    - Brian has used the PIO1 position description to go through with people he has evaluated for complex PIO position. The complex position descriptions are not available to be reviewed by evaluators and those that are being evaluated for complex positions. The result is that no one knows what they are responsible for.

Action Items

- Chris will contact Jesse Bender to discuss complex transition communication concerns.
- Chris will present the position task book and position description for the CPIO to IMRR.

- Adrienne will create a document for comments and concerns to provide to the IPSC for the October AAR.