

RMC Conference Call

January 9, 2020

Attendance

Mark Goeller	OK Forestry Services, Chair	Kathy Komatz	NPS, NIFC
Alex Viktora	USFS, LLC	Mack McFarland	NPS
Courtney Wyatt	BLM, NIFC	Eric Fransted	FWS, NIFC
Bodie Ronk	BLM, NIFC	Steve Holdsambeck	USFS, NIFC
Kat Navarro	NIOSH	Ted Mason	BLM, NIFC
Colby Jackson	BLM, NIFC	Kaili McCray	FWS, NIFC
Corey Butler	NIOSH	Tim Blake	NWCG, NIFC
Adrian Grayshield	BIA, NIFC	Tony Petrilli	USFS, NTDP
Joe Domitrovich	USFS, NTDP	Wes Keller	Northeastern States
Miranda Stuart	NPS	Ranae Moyer	OK Forestry Services

Opening/Introductions

Mark Goeller

- Welcome and roll call

NWCG Updates

Tim Blake

- New Chair - Frank Guzman, USFS
- Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee proposing to become a full Committee. Proposal will be on the upcoming Executive Board's meeting agenda.
- Working with Miranda and the Mental Health Subcommittee to list available courses.
- Funding requests due to Executive Board by Jan 17th.

Colby Jackson

- NWCG Smoke committee has spoken to RMC about video that describes SOF & MEDL roles in dealing with smoke. Jackson has asked them for the topics/guidance that they want to include in the video, to ensure that RMC is aware & concurs with content. Smoke committee has a Training Sub-committee, which may take over this project.
- Incident Position Descriptions
 - o Safety Officer IPD drafts are completed. Writer/editors are polishing them up, and then draft will be available to RMC.
 - o All IPDs have a section about "Managing Risk". Those who want to comment on the IPDs can do so on the website where they are housed, using the green "Comment" button. There is the ability to attach documents to the comments, if that works to better convey the substance of the comments.
 - o See DIVS example at: <https://www.nwcg.gov/positions/divs/position-ipd>
 - o All positions are in the Position Catalog: <https://www.nwcg.gov/positions> Those available for comment are listed as "Under Review" or "Completed" in the "IPD status" column.

- Incident Operations Subcommittee may want to work together w/ RMC & MHSC on IRPG edits that relate to mental health.

NTDP Updates

Joe Domitrovich

- Looking at electrolytes & food/drink guidance. Will send to RMC to review when complete.
 - o A person's electrolytes show little change pre- to post- shift.
 - o Large fire food contract out for bid. Bumped into food categories for variety.
- Good job with Heat Stress field study. One aspect of the study revealed that the morning hike and pack weight play large part in setting the body's core temperature for the remainder of the day.
- Data collection and analysis of Year 2 of the Firefighter Long Term Health Study is nearing completion.

Tony Petrilli

- Training update posted on Fire Shelter/PPE website soon.
- Reviewing women firefighter pants for prototypes and testing.
 - o Those who responded to survey will be participants—those who did not respond will be given opportunity to via email to be sent in couple of months.
 - o New revision of NFPA 1977 PPE requirements for pants is being reviewed.
 - First draft includes a total heat loss test
 - A proposal has been submitted to raise minimum total heat loss value. This change if approved would eliminate the use of nomex-kevlar blend pants. Several members oppose this change due to the need for cold weather ppe in many areas of the country.
- Wildland Firefighting Helmet video will be posted in spring.

Fire Shelter and PPE Subcommittee Updates

Tony and Ted

- Check website for roster.
- Subcommittee will meet in a couple weeks.

Safety Gram Update

Alex Viktora

- 2019 Safety Gram final draft mailed out this week to RMC for review.
 - o One change made during call regarding shelter use per Petrilli.
 - o Deadline for any changes is 5 pm close of business Friday. On Monday 13 January the Safety Gram will be 'finalized' and posted.

Lessons Learned Update

Alex Viktora

- Annual incident review summary underway.

- How to provide medical support in initial attack.
- Ferguson Fire fatality 2018
 - Lessons Learned tasked with hazard tree analysis.
 - Report out within a month.
- Ideas
 - FAST kits and REM teams.
 - Support IEMS achieving Committee-status within NWCG.

NIOSH Updates

Corey Butler

- Beginning 3rd (final) year of wildland fire firefighter exposure.
- Collected 20k datapoints on 154 participants.
 - Distribute data next year.
 - On website.
- Wildland firefighters at risk for valley fever.
 - SW US illness presents as severe 'camp crud'.
 - EPI analysis to verify how many sought treatment.
 - Ideas for future SW fires
 - Look at specific group attending fire to track illness
 - Attend SW fire to track illness
 - Put awareness info in IEP and part of standard inbriefing.

USFA Updates

Steve Holdsambeck

- USFA busy on Risk Management training website.
- Streamlining ways for people to send ideas for research regarding wildland firefighting.
 - Idea vetting went nowhere previously.

Action Item

- **Table it to discuss again.**

Subcommittee Updates

Mack McFarland (IEMS)

- Run at becoming own committee.
- Goeller sent letter of support to Equip Tech Committee regarding supply upgrades.

Mack McFarland (Hazard Tree & Tree Felling)

- Monthly conference calls since November.
- Close to launch of video on human factors for fire refreshers tree felling.

- 'Felling Hazardous Trees: Does It Have to Come Down?'
 - Potential to submit for grant through USFS for help with video production.

Action Item

- Proposal to Goeller for submission of grant – committee must submit.

Kathy Komatz (6 Minutes for Safety)

- Obtaining reviews on videos having chainsaws in to update Safety Cage.
- NWCG assisting to manage and update webpage.
- WFEC asked to submit one-page outline regarding chainsaw curriculum. Out for review; requesting feedback from other groups.
- Due to Hughes Fatality, correction plan in developing advanced sawyer curriculum.
 - Next call Feb 11 to discuss.

Miranda Stuart (Mental Health Subcommittee)

- Working on pieces for firefighter refresher.
- Website up and running.
 - Adding courses offered at agencies.

Work Capacity Test

Mark Goeller

- Confusion on definition.

Action Item

- Clear up confusion on definition as well as if test predicts performance or is it gateway to fitness.
- Everyone needs a base document draft ready before next call.
 - Submit to Goeller for editing.
- Discuss on February call.
- WCT Admin Guide needs work as well.

Action Item

- Work on this spring.

BIN Items

Mark Goeller

- Can join Reno meeting virtually.

Action Item

- Forward info via email.

Round Robin

Erick Fransted – new to Fish and Wildlife. Will send everyone his email.

Adrian Grayshield – BIA recruited 5 fire folks. ALS request completed for Martinez fire.

Miranda Stuart – NPS. Good certification list for safety position. Selection next week. Fill February. LLC position closed. The EMT who received 2nd degree burns from the drip torch at the Buffalo fire is recovering.

Ted Mason – BLM rolling out mental health training. Pre-incident education. Federal OSHA notices of violations regarding red boots. Nailed for not paying for entirety of boots. Medical standards program received six-month extension on contract until final awarded.

Wes Keller – NE States. Maine requested information on respirators for wildland firefighters.

Mark Goeller – Southern States. Eastern region wet. Western odd weather. NASF Fire Committee and Chiefs Manager Supervisors Meeting in Orlando end of January. Opposition to interface with many FMO roles. Mark has taken the State Forester Liaison position replacing Jim Karels. OK firefighter burned in September returned to work. Great support from TX Forest Service & USFS in addition to folks around the country.

Action Item

- Next Face to Face will be in April in Boise either 14, 15, 16 or 28, 29, 30. Email Mark for best week.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL – 13 FEBRUARY 2020