



**NWCG Risk Management Committee
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
Feb. 14, 2020**

Call Participants:

Mark Goeller	OK Forestry Services, Chair	Bodie Ronk	BLM, NIFC
Eric Fansted	FWS, NIFC	Adrian Grayshield	BIA, NIFC
Kathy Komatz	NPS, NIFC	Corey Butler	NIOSH
Jennifer Rabuck	NPS, NIFC	Alex Viktora	USFS, LLC
William Troup	US Fire Administration	Terry Swinscoe <i>(acting)</i>	USFS, NIFC
Joe Sol	USFS, NTDP	Tony Petrilli	USFS, NTDP
Colby Jackson	BLM, NIFC	Ted Mason	BLM, NIFC
Kaili McCray	FWS, NIFC	Wes Keller	Western States
Tim Blake	NWCG, NIFC	Travis Touche	NWCG, WESTAR
Joe Domitrovich	USFS, NTDP	Tess McCarville	USFS, NIFC
Mike Degrosky	Montana DNRC	Mack McFarland	NPS

Other Attendees:

Miranda Stuart (NPS)

Opening/Introductions (Ted Mason standing in momentarily...)

- Roll Call
- Forest Service announcement: Terry Swinscoe acting Branch Chief of Risk Management. Will be acting in this role for 120 days filling in behind Steve Holdsambeck.

NWCG Updates (Tim Blake)

Executive Board

- Tim Blake was at the annual NWCG Meeting. Two great key note speakers that addressed organizational development and neuroscience related to wildland fire.
- IEMS has been elevated to full committee status. This will be reflected on the website and other applicable areas.

- Kudos to the HTSC and Mac's leadership. The NWCG training specialist Mike Black has done a good job updating training materials.
- Preparedness Guide for WLFF and Their Families: Frank Guzman has worked with Bodie to update. There is an active tasking assigned to this group to focus on feedback and documentation (see last months minutes for further info).

NWCG Training

- SOF 1&2 IPDs: Consensus that SOF 1 and 2 are ready for review/posting. Renee will advise Mark Goeller that these will be posted for a larger review audience.
- Safety Officer, Line (SOFR) issue: C & G duties mandatory for a line SOF? It may be beneficial to work with individuals who perform the duties as SOF3 to see if this is realistic. Colby will work with Mark and come up with course of action to propose to the RMC for SOF3 duties.
 - Miranda Stuart posed that it could be helpful to include ICT3 in this conversation based on past fatality fires.

NTDP Update (Petrilli)

- Joe is giving an update to the National IHC Supt Meeting in Phoenix, AZ this week.
- Tony gave specifics on a proposed change to the NFPA 1977 Standard for Wildland Firefighting PPE. The proposed change would restrict the use of para-aramid cloth currently used in certain types of wildland firefighting pants used by many federal and state agencies.

PPE Update (Petrilli & Mason)

- Fire Shelter: Making minor design tweaks on existing model of fire shelters. Sent off modifications out to DLA and will show up in production later this year. Based on feedback, the PVC bag/red tear strip has been modified to open more reliably in a high temp environment. Tony has submitted to NFES and ETC on rolling this improvement out.
- Fire Shelter SC website has been updated with a few relevant items. Check out the website.
 - Meeting with ETC in Boise will be a good time to work on these topics.
- Firefighter survey on pants has moved past 1000 inputs. Fit and function for women specific. Tony has cooperative agreement with an ACU soldier company that looks at design and tweaks for fit. The plan is to get prototypes this spring and contact the females that participated in the survey and then wear test this upcoming summer. Manufacturer is on board and hopefully out in the field testing this fire season.
 - 171 females participated in the survey (17%).

- Utilized manufacturing sizing info from ACU (Army Combat Uniform) pants
 - Cargo pocket: will have a cell phone sleeve
 - Bill Troup will forward a similar study on female gear conducted by USFA
- Working with NIOSH on study related to dirty wildland fire PPE, laundering processes and potential contaminants.

SafetyGram (SG) and Lessons Learned Center Update (Viktora)

- Lessons Learned Center Update: 2019 Annual Incident Review Summary will be released shortly. The LLC Director position is in the panel process and recommendation for position should be released by the end of the month.
- SafetyGram Update: 2019 Final SG is posted. Take a look to ensure accuracy.
- Question regarding Tanker 134 (Colson C130) crash in Australia. Should the fatalities be reported in the SG?
 - Ted Mason shared info that this aircraft was on contract with New South Wales at the time of the crash.
 - USFA did not report these fatalities in their database.
 - Crash and fatalities will not be counted in the Safety Gram.

NIOSH (Corey Butler and Kat Novarro)

- Starting third and final year in the wildland firefighter study.
- Kat is working on a project with Orange County on wildland firefighter exposures in the urban environment. Have one year of data.

USFA (Bill Troup)

- Just opened position for the Superintendent of the Fire Academy. Bill will send vacancy announcement.

Subcommittee Updates

- **HTSC**
 - Been fairly busy with Mike Black working on IPD and standards. Kudos to Mike Black for taking initiative leading this effort and meeting the SAP. Looking to build solid foundation through these IPDs so then we can determine what type of training should be developed to meet the SAP.
 - WFSTAR video is out with facilitator guide. Looking for feedback from the field to start conversations about the hazards our employees are taking. Great work from NWCG training.
 - Requested funding from NWCG to continue HTSC video series.

- Nine 6MFS topics and will send to Kathy for consideration.
- **IEMS**
 - IEMS obtained full Committee status.
 - Kaili appreciates all of the support and is excited for this opportunity. Need to finish the IPD, Burn Protocol, IEMS 2019 awards nominations, 6MFS burn protocol.
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- **6MFS**
 - Attended NWCG all chairs meeting. Reviewing all topics and even discussion questions for relevant topics.
 - Miranda and Kathy have started working on the Week of Remembrance.
 - Thanks to Dave Haston for updating fuel geysering topics.
- **Mental Health SC**
 - Taskings: fire refresher for mental health is nearly complete. MTSC will do final review and give thumbs up to move forward. Discussed on last call to perhaps take a different approach to pursue parallel efforts to accomplish the mission of the MHSC. Looking to set up face to face meeting which will be in March. Consider hosting meeting in Atlanta to work with mental health professionals.

WCT (Goeller)

- Definition Review: Based on suggestions from Joe Domitrovich at the 2019 fall meeting.
- Please review and have decision via email by week of Feb.17th.
- Administrators Guide will be next step and will coordinate with Joe.

Joint meeting with ETC and IEMS (Goeller)

- April 14-16 in Boise, Idaho.
- Working with Dave Haston to have a space at Gowen Field.
- Any non-Fed meeting attendees will need to supply applicable info to Mark to obtain access.
- Will be working on agenda in the coming weeks- submit proposed agenda topics.
- There will be sperate RMC meeting time outside of the main meeting with ETC and IEMS.

Round Robin (All)

Ted Mason/Bodie Ronk (BLM) – Smoke exposure is an issue within the BLM and they will be lying out talking points around exposure to smoke and corresponding health issues (i.e. lung and cardiovascular). Ted will send out to the group for FYI. BLM will be standing up an

operational medical support program (OMSP) in the near future. Will have a physician here at NIFC with a target goal of getting the program up and running. There will be a subcommittee under fire operations group to lend direction supporting local EMS programs. Pre-incident education with Dr. Steven Nicholas going across states spreading awareness surrounding mental health. 2019 accident summary will be sent to RMC for awareness.

Terry Swinscoe (USFS) – the USFS has hired a medical director but looking for medical program manager. Julian Affuso is now the current acting Assistant Director of Risk Management. The innovative learning risk management website is pushing forward and starting to see final products from the focus areas. Another successful LFUO/FLA workshop hosted in Tucson, AZ.

Adrian Grayshield (BIA) – Adrian needs to meet with Ted and Bodie to see where BIA medical programs may fall in line with BLM efforts. Adrian attended the LFUO/FLA workshop in Tucson and will be attending SAI class next week. Looking forward to doing shadow assignments and FLA assignments as BIA.

Chad Fisher (NPS) – Not on call

Eric Fansted (FWS) – Not on call

Mark Goeller (Southern States Rep) – Two weeks ago had NASF Chiefs, Managers, and Supervisors meeting in Orlando. This is a bi-annual meeting where state FMOs meet and discuss various issues. One of the topics was participation on the NWCG committees. NASF will be developing an IPD for being on a NWCG committee. Want to ensure as people come and go from various committees there will be a standard of what to expect. Mark attended the NWCG All Chairs meeting and he's very proud of the RMC and their success.

Wes Keller (North Eastern States) – Nothing to report.

*****Next Conference Call – March 12, 2020*****