



National Wildfire Coordinating Group Training Delivery Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 3, 2020

ATTENDEES:

Arnberger, Jeff, Liaison, N
Bang, Kim, Primary Member, N
Buhrig, Chris, Primary Member, Y
Cota, Heath, Co-Chair, Y
Dalrymple, Daren, Primary Member, Y
Dillon, Tom, Primary Member, N
Dinkel, Anna, Primary Member, Y
Dutchick, Peter, Co-Chair, Y
Fisher, Garth, Liaison, Y
Flanagan, Sean, Primary Member, Y
Frost-Madrid, Karin, Primary Member, Y
Guzman, Frank, Liaison, N
Hall, Darlene, Primary Member, N
Hughes, Jeff, Primary Member, Y
O'Hara, Kathryn, NWCG Coordinator, Y
Palmgren, Glenn, Primary Member, Y
Patterson, Stephen, Primary Member, N
Sexton, Richard, Primary Member, N
Skraba, Amy, Primary Member, Y
Wegner, Melissa, Primary Member, Y
Prosperi, Alexia, Guest, Y
Sorensen, Rebecca, Primary Member, Y
Rick Gividen, Guest, Y

TDC Operations Update

NWCG Update-Annie Benoit

RX-410: On track for 2/1 delivery, GA-specific (75% asynchronous)

RX301/341: Connected w/NW SMEs, aiming for mid-March/early April delivery

RX310: In good shape, still in review, should be available 3rd week of Dec.

S-300: In WFLP NWCG library



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S-330: Phase 1 in library today, Phase 2 Dec 15

S-339: Same as S-330

S-371, 372: Both Phase 1 and 2 in library today

S-390: Colorado WFA, SW, CA, AK collaborating, looking for SMEs. This will be a revision of the course, available around April 1 for delivery. Fire Behavior Curriculum Management Unit involved in revision.

S490: On track for March delivery

S-420: No significant update

S-491: On track

S-440: On hold, pending SMEs. (There was discussion of the priority of this course, vs. others needing to be offered multiple times. The course is required for PSC for those coming from outside planning section.)

200-level courses from WFAP available in library 12/15

ICS-300/400: Content received by NWCG today

OWF Update-Rick Gividen

Contractors in place to address increased portal use.

Shut down dates for system modification and updates: Dec 22-23 portal will be offline. Reviewing new version of Totara unsure if they will update to new version (all GAs and NWCG T&D in agreement with shut-down dates)

Adding users (cadre, SMEs) to development instance- request form available in Editing Trainer Community of Practice

Uptick in need for ET workshop (3 added this week, self-enrollment)



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FireNet Proposal-Melissa Wegner

Proposed the use of FireNet as a supplement to WFLP. Individual courses would be granted a Firenet named account and treated as “incidents” in interagency FireNet environment. It won’t replace the WFLP, but it provides an option to supplement the portal when useful. It also provides training in FireNet to those using the application on incidents, as IMTs use FireNet 365 currently. Proposal letter includes comparison table of WFLP, FireNet, and Zoom.

Matt Gibson: Allows for smoother interagency collaboration, simultaneous small-group collaboration (ex. RX301/341), and on-demand web meeting. MS Teams and Sharepoint (for simultaneous editing, collaboration) will be esp. useful.

Helpdesk concerns, pitfalls?

Rick Gividen wants to review proposal, consider what functionality is missing from the WFLP, how were needs determined? **Katy O’Hara will facilitate meeting.**

Lightning Round Updates

Heath Cota: Impact of budget modernization, working on a letter from deputy chief to address issues w/bringing employees into pay status. (SW GA has lots of non-fire responders from ASC, there have been questions of how/if they can pay for tuition and travel. Other GAs concur, a letter will help.)

Sean Flanagan: Finalized virtual S-300 today w/sim, looking for feedback, M-581 w/SW and RX courses are next up, looking at L courses in-person next summer

Karin Frost-Madrid: Finalizing schedules, extended PTP app date due to low numbers

Rick Gividen: Posted request for development instance user accounts, editing trainer schedule

Randy Jacks: Progress with AREPs, rescheduled RX-410 delivery dates, RX-310 still on for March, L courses early Feb.

Glenn Palmgren: S-203 held recently, sharing AAR notes to TDC sharepoint

Amy Skraba: Updates to schedule in WFLP, change to prioritizations, as AK doesn’t have the bandwidth for “wants” vs course needs, state of AK also cancelling courses

Rebecca Sorenson: RX-301/341 in pods was postponed/changed to virtual, ICS-300, M-410 virtual in Jan.



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Melissa Wegner: Standstill with L courses, working with contractor, no changes to schedule yet, Rosie LeMire retirement end of Dec.

Holiday Meeting Schedule

No meeting until next month-January 7th

Close-out

Heath Cota: Following-up on meeting with leadership committee, the committee stance is not in-person only for L courses, vendors can go virtual w/committee involvement, but currently vendors don't have any plans for converting to virtual. GATRs can encourage vendors to consider virtual. (Randy Jacks: Should request to vendors come from someone besides individual GAs?) The committee may need to discuss other options, such as waivers, if neither option is available.