

USDA Forest Service Fire Operations Safety Council

Our Vision

Regardless of the mission, the challenge, or the environment, Forest Service employees engaged in fire management and all-risk incident response activities are safe, effective, and error resilient.

Our Mission

To promote a comprehensive, proactive, and recognizable program that significantly advances the safety and effectiveness of Forest Service employees.

Our Goal

Improve employee performance through information transfer and education with an emphasis on Strong Leadership, a Comprehensive Operational Approach, and Focused Action.



**“A HIGH PERFORMING
FIREFIGHTER
IS, BY DEFINITION,
A SAFE FIREFIGHTER”**

Wildland Fire Leadership Values and Principles

Duty

Be proficient in your job, both technically and as a leader.

Make sound and timely decisions.

Ensure that tasks are understood, supervised, and accomplished.

Respect

Know your subordinates and look out for their well-being.

Keep your subordinates informed.

Build the “Team.”

Employ your subordinates in accordance with their capabilities.

Integrity

Know yourself and seek improvement.

Seek responsibility and accept responsibility for your actions.

Set the example.

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Standard Firefighter Orders

1. Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts.
2. Know what your fire is doing at all times.
3. Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire.
4. Identify escape routes and safety zones, and make them known.
5. Post lookouts when there is possible danger.
6. Be alert. Keep calm. Think clearly. Act decisively.
7. Maintain prompt communications with your forces, your supervisor, and adjoining forces.
8. Give clear instructions and insure they are understood.
9. Maintain control of your forces at all times.
10. Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first.

For more information visit:
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