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Memorandum

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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Groups

From: NWCG Chair *Brian McManis*

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Subject: Crew Typing for 2008 Fire Season

This past winter, several groups, including the Area Commander/Incident Commander (AC/IC) Group, the National Multi-Agency Coordination Group, and the Incident Operations Standards Working Team of the NWCG, conducted a review of changes to the Crew Typing categories and qualifications standards.

Effective immediately, a decision has been made to incorporate the updated Crew Typing nomenclature and standards into the Mobilization Guide and Fireline Handbook. The decision will maintain one level of Type 1 Crew at the highest level of capability (meeting IHC standards), continue with the Type 2 IA and Type 2 Crew standards, and eliminate the Type 3 Crew nomenclature/standards.

It is our intent to utilize this new Crew Typing standard for this fire season. We, therefore, ask that you incorporate the attached chart into your Mobilization Guides. The new chart will be included in the next version of the Fireline Handbook (PMS 410-1) later this year.

Attachment

cc: NWCG Executive Board

ATTACHMENT

MINIMUM CREW STANDARDS FOR NATIONAL MOBILIZATION

Minimum Standards	Type 1	Type 2 with IA Capability	Type 2
Fireline Capability	Initial attack/can be broken up into squads, fire line construction, complex firing operations(backfire)	Initial attack/can be broken up into squads, fireline construction, firing to include burnout	Initial attack, fireline construction, firing to include burnout
Crew Size	18-20		
Leadership Qualifications	Permanent Supervision Supt: TFLD, ICT4,FIRB Asst Supt: STCR, ICT4 3 Squad Bosses: CRWB(T), ICT5 2 Senior Firefighters: FFT1/Squad Boss and ICT5	CRWB 3 ICT5	CRWB 3 FFT1
Bilingual Requirement	CRWB and FFT1's must be bilingual (able to read and interpret) in language of crew.		
Experience	80% 1 season	60% 1 season	40% 1 season
Full Time Organized Crew	Yes (work and train as a unit 40 hrs per week)	No	
Communications	5 programmable radios	4 programmable radios	
Sawyers	3 agency qualified		None
Training	80 hours annual training	Basic firefighter training and/or annual firefighter safety refresher	
Fitness	Arduous		
Logistics	Crew level agency purchasing authority	No purchasing authority	
Maximum Weight	5100 lbs		
Dispatch Availability	1 hour (available nationally)	Variable	
Production Factor	1.0	.8	
Transportation	Own transportation	Transportation needed	
Tools & Equipment	Fully equipped	Not equipped	
Personal Gear	Arrives with: Crew First Aid kit, personal first aid kit, headlamp, 1 qt canteen, web gear, sleeping bag		
PPE	Arrives with: Hardhat, fire resistant shirt/ pants, 8" leather boots, leather gloves, fire shelter, hearing/ eye protection		
Certification	Must be annually certified by the local host unit Agency Administrator or designee prior to being made available for assignment.	N/A	