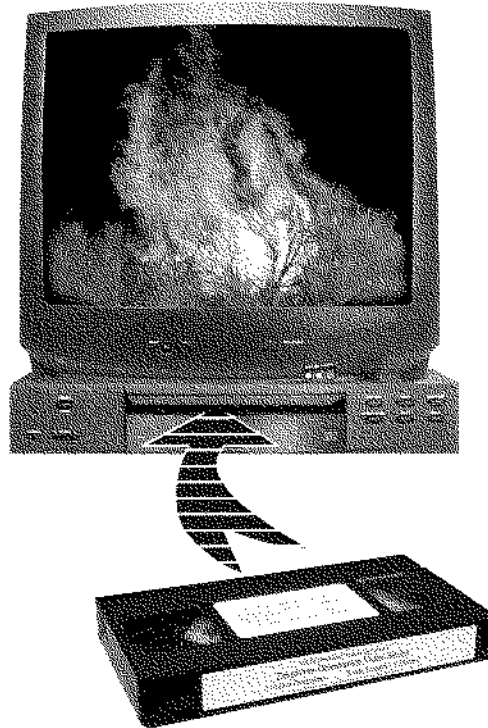


# Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training

## Facilitator Guide



### *Why Refresher Training?*

The purpose of wildland fire suppression is to minimize damage to resources, property and the environment. This should be accomplished in the most operationally effective and fiscally responsible manner. But above all, we need to remember that no resource or property values are worth endangering life. Providing for the safety of firefighters is the number one priority and responsibility of every individual.

The objective of this presentation is to review the 10 Standard Fire Orders, 18 Watchout Situations, LCES, Downhill Line Construction, and Urban Interface.

This refresher video course is intended as an alternative to annual safety refresher training, which is required for all personnel participating in fire suppression or prescribed fire duties, specifically for fire personnel with fireline/operation qualifications, and non-fire personnel who have reason to be on the fireline unescorted.

## NOTES TO FACILITATOR

The success of this presentation is dependent on your ability to stimulate meaningful discussion during the break out exercises, field discussion and think points. Key talking points are listed below under the Presentation Time Frames. This is not a plug-and-play presentation! When used as a video course, review the tape prior to the class. The facilitator of this course should have a wide range of wildland and firefighting experience and techniques.

### Presentation Time Frames and Modules Content

Morning session: 3 hours and 15 minutes  
 Covers: Modules 1-3  
 Afternoon session: 2 hours and 20 minutes  
 Covers: Modules 4-6

MODULE	MINUTES	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO.
Module 1	48	10 Standard Fire Orders .....	8
		18 Watchout Situations .....	9
	15	Break	
Module 2	34	LCES (includes three think points).....	10
	15	LCES Exercise.....	12
	15	Break	
Module 3	32	Urban Interface (includes one think point).....	11
	15	Field discussion on specific issues of urban interface in your area Potential topics listing (Facilitator Guide).....	F3
	15	Break	
Module 4	10	Downhill Line Construction.....	7
	15	Downhill Line Construction Exercise .....	13
	15	Break	
Module 5	49	Common Denominators .....	11
		OK to Say No Unrealistic Expectations Team Transitions Situational Awareness After-Action Reviews	
	15	Break	
Module 6	28	Video: <i>Using Your Fire Shelter</i> (USFS, Technology and Development Center, Missoula, 2000 updated version)	

### Presentation Objective

To refresh students' knowledge of the 10 Standard Fire Orders, 18 Watchout Situations, LCES, Urban Interface, Downhill/Indirect Line Construction and to review the video, *Using Your Fire Shelter*.

## Course Components

The course package includes two video tapes, Facilitator Guide and Student Workbook.

## Equipment and Materials

The following is a list of equipment and other material required for presentation of the course.

- Training room
- TV/VCR
- Copy of Facilitator Guide and Student Workbook (print extra copies from [www.fire.blm.gov/training/main.html](http://www.fire.blm.gov/training/main.html). Select BLM Training Development Unit)
- Sign up sheet
- Paper and pencil for each trainee
- Flip chart with paper and marking pens
- Incident Response Pocket Guide, NFES #1077, one for each student
- Practice fire shelters

## Administration

The facilitator is responsible for identifying necessary equipment, materials and supplies. He/she is responsible for recording attendance and assuring evaluations are completed and returned.

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## Introductory Topics for Group Discussion

Wildland firefighting is an arduous and high-risk job. Mitigating and reducing risks and improving fire safety is everyone's responsibility.

Prior to the program, discuss with students what safety means to them (5 -10 min.)

Points for discussion:

- personal safety
- crew safety
- public safety
- other potential safety factors such as vehicles, snags, rocks ...

## Urban Interface Potential Topics for Group Discussion

Urban Interface concerns differ by region. Use these topics to open a discussion during the urban interface module.

- Personal experience/war stories
- Unique issues in your area:
  - livestock/farms/ranches
  - hazmat
  - water supply
  - terrain
  - bridges
  - street access/egress
  - power lines
  - communications
  - defensible space
  - cooperative agreement
  - evacuations
  - crew safety/public safety
  - pre-suppression plans

Record key points on a flip chart.

# How Was It?

This video was made for you in hopes of adding some variety to the Annual Refresher Training. In the future, we would like to film some of the interviews in fire camps, on the actual fire line, and at home stations. It would be very helpful to us if you would let us know what you thought of this course by answering the following questions.

## What did you think of the format of the Refresher?

- no improvement needed       needs improvement       no opinion

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## What did you think of the contents?

- too basic       need more details       add more subjects

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## As the Facilitator, how do you think the course was received? Any suggestions?

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Facilitator, please return the evaluations. Comments by e-mail are welcome.

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