

Fire Management Organization Assessment

This Appendix is a checklist to assist line managers in evaluating operational fire program needs and complexities in fire situations. A number of factors can occur which increase the complexity and workload for the local fire staff, and depending upon staff size and availability, could overload the organization. Managers should use this checklist to evaluate the current management structure and staffing levels to determine whether or not additional staff assistance is necessary. It is recommended that the checklist be utilized early during complex situations and reviewed periodically.

Safety	Yes	No
Accidents/injuries have occurred.	_____	_____
Multiple fixed/rotor wing operations are involved or planned.	_____	_____
Fire Management Staff is in compliance with work rest guidelines.	_____	_____
The current situation is expected to continue.	_____	_____

External Factors

Multiple jurisdictions involved.	_____	_____
Larger than normal fires are occurring.	_____	_____
The unit has an approved severity request.	_____	_____
Severe weather conditions are occurring or forecasted.	_____	_____

Management

Current organization is operating at full capacity.	_____	_____
IMT ordered or in place.	_____	_____
Local MAC group has been activated.	_____	_____
A number of critical fire positions are vacant or filled with actings.	_____	_____

Resource Issues

Sensitive public/media relations are apparent.	_____	_____
Large loss of resources expected.	_____	_____
High value resources are threatened.	_____	_____

Personnel

Heavy commitment of local resources.	_____	_____
Multiple support operations activated to assist in fire suppression effort.	_____	_____
A large number of resources from outside the local area are staged or involved in suppression operations.	_____	_____