



Risk Management Committee

As part of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's Preparedness Branch, the Risk Management Committee (RMC) was chartered to improve firefighter health, safety, and effectiveness by promoting sound risk management principles. The RMC provides a foundation for effective risk management at all organizational levels to improve situational awareness. The committee develops tools for firefighters to use to support decision making in dynamic high risk situations.



The RMC, which is the successor to the Safety and Health Working Team, is made up of representatives from the five federal wildland fire agencies, three advisors, and three representatives from the states. The membership embodies a diverse expertise to address issues related to risk management.

Specific products and services include:

- Safety Alerts
- Safety Grams
- Historical Wildland Firefighter Fatality Database
- SAFENET
- Risk Management Summary

The RMC has six subcommittees and task groups within its purview. Together these groups issue critical safety and health information to wildland firefighters.



Risk Management Committee Subcommittees and Groups

Smoke Exposure Subcommittee
Monitors adverse health effects of smoke exposure and related issues to firefighters and develops mitigation strategies.

Hazard Tree & Tree Felling Task Group
Provides direction and tools to firefighters for risk assessment and mitigation during felling operations.

Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee
Facilitates coordination and delivery of emergency medical services and occupational health care on incidents.

Federal Fire & Aviation Safety Team
Provides oversight to national fire and aviation safety practices and makes recommendations to improve safety and accident prevention.



Six Minutes for Safety/This Day In History Subcommittee

Provides daily risk management reminders to firefighters about hazard mitigation on the fireline based on historical high risk situations.

FireFit

Provides wildland fire community with a comprehensive fitness program to improve firefighter safety and health and to reduce injuries.



<http://www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/rmc/index.htm>