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Memorandum

Reference: NWCG#009-2008

To: Fire Chief, Skien Fire Department

From: NWCG Chair *Brian McManis*

Date: June 19, 2008

Subject: Relationship between NWCG and Norway 2008

Over the past few years, we have enjoyed an on-going relationship between Norway (DBS) and the NWCG through the efforts of Tim Murphy with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Fire and Aviation, here at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC). These on-site visits have dealt with emergency management issues common to both of our countries. I believe these visits continue to be a great benefit through sharing of knowledge and expertise.

I am pleased we will have the opportunity to have three Norwegian officials in the United States again this summer visit our facility at NIFC in Boise, Idaho, and other operation locations in Arizona, California, and Washington, D.C.

Therefore, I officially invite Chief Fire Officer Helge Eidsnes, Senior Officer Haavard Sormoen, and Senior Engineer Heide Vassbotn to the United States to study our National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) from August 24 through September 7, 2008. We will make every effort to provide these individuals with an in-depth understanding of the NIMS and ICS systems, including on the ground experience.

Attachment:
Schedule Prepared by Guttorm Liebe

cc: NWCG Executive Board

EXCHANGE between Bureau of Land Management and Norway 2008

TASKS and SUBJECTS

Candidates:

Chief Fire Officer Helge Eidsnes, Bergen Fire Service, Hordaland County
 Senior Officer Haavard Sormoen, Vestfold County Civil Protection district

These two candidates are given partly different tasks and subjects, and will give separate reports and presentations:

<p><i>Haavard Sormoen, Vestfold</i></p> <p>1) Tasks and subjects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Study the connections between "Incident Management System" (IMS) and "Incident Command System (ICS), and how agencies in USA use these systems for managing large and extended incidents b) Study the relations between the organization at the incident and the organization that is taking care of evacuated people and the population outside, at complex incidents. <p>2) Presentations in USA Prepare and when invited to, make in English these presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Norwegian Rescue Organization b) Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning (DSB), and Civil Protection in Norway c) A little about Norway and Vestfold county <p>3) Products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Written report in Norwegian, contenting a daily log and the result of the studies b) Presentations prepared for different audience, among others DSB, Forest Fire group, Civil Protection districts and the Norwegian Ass. of Fire Officers district organization <p>4) Follow-up tasks Contribute to better co-operations between Civil Protection organizations and Fire Services, and implementing ICS in Vestfold county.</p>	<p><i>Helge Eidsnes, Bergen/ Hordaland</i></p> <p>1) Tasks and subjects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Study "Incident Command System" (ICS) and how agencies and fire services in USA use that system for managing large and long duration incidents b) In connection to that how Type I / II – teams are working and functioning c) Study how an incidents are escalating from initial attack to Type II/ I-teams are established and working. <p>2) Presentations in USA Prepare and when invited to, make in English these presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Norwegian Rescue Organization b) The Norwegian Fire Service c) A little about Norway and Hordaland county <p>5) Products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Written report in Norwegian, contenting a daily log and the result of the studies b) Presentations prepared for different audience, among others DSB, Forest Fire group, Civil Protection districts and the Norwegian Ass. of Fire Officers district organization <p>6) Follow-up tasks Contribute to continue pursue ICS in Hordaland county.</p>
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Delegate Senior Engineer Heidi Vassbotn, DSB will shadow the two candidates and will give separate reports and presentations.

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7) Tasks and subjects

- a) Study and get an overview of the escalation and connections between first attack, "Incident Command System" (ICS), "Incident Management System" (IMS) and the relations between the effort-organization at the incident and the organization that is taking care of evacuated people and the population outside.
- b) Study the basics for common (interagency) systems, among other factors: the needs of agreements, levels of educations and borders of jurisdictions
- c) Study the structure of Interagency Fire Centers and dispatch centrals
- d) Study how USA at national level, are able to coordinate and manage large and long lasting incidents or several incidents at the same time

8) Presentations in USA

Prepare and when invited to, make in English these presentations:

- a) The Norwegian Rescue Organization
- b) Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning (DSB) including the Norwegian Fire College.
- c) A little about Norway and Vestfold county

9) Products

- a) Written report in Norwegian, contenting a daily log and the result of the studies
- b) Presentations prepared for different audience, among others DSB, Forest Fire group, Civil Protection districts and the Norwegian Ass. of Fire Officers district organization

10) Follow-up tasks

Contribute to implementing IMS and ICS in Norway.

Guttorm Liebe
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