



*Conference Call
March 17, 2016*

Attendance:

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| Ted Mason | FWS, NIFC |
| Tony Beitia | BIA, NIFC – Not on call |
| Shelby Gales | BLM (Acting) – Not on call |
| Chad Fisher | NPS, NIFC |
| John Owens | Safety Advisor, NIFC – Not on call |
| Bill Troup | USFA |
| Tim Blake | NWCG, NIFC |
| Shane Greer | USFS, NIFC |
| Joe Domitrovich | USFS, MTDC – Not on call |
| Wayne Williams | Montana DNRC |
| Mark Goeller | Oklahoma Department of Agriculture |
| Wesley Keller | PA Bureau of Forestry |
| Corey Butler | NIOSH |
| Kaili McRay | IEMS |
| Matt McFarlane | HTSC – Not on call |
| Hope Spriggs | USFS, NIFC |

Guests:

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| Kathy Komatz | 6 Minutes for Safety |
| Russ Babiak | USFW – Not on call |
| Britt Rosso | LLC – Not on call |

NWCG Updates (Blake)

- Dave Haston Fire Shelter Update – in revision process, estimated to be completed in 2017.
- Memo approved for Week of Remembrance in 2016 and into the future.
 - USFS working out possible rewording on the Memo. (Jill McCurdy).
- **Communications Spectrum Group** has met to discuss how to improve communications during wildland fire, and frequency management concerns. Ted Mason will be the RMC liaison to this group. Mark Goeller will be an alternate liaison.

- **IEMS Medical Service Awards:** The Chair of the RMC should distribute the announcement and award letters.
- NIOSH letter of support completed for prospective studies.

MTDC Update (Domitrovich)

- Preliminary review of PT standards to determine if fitness standards need to be updated.

Safety Officer Toolkit (S-404) Update – (Beitia)

- Tabled until next call.

Safety Gram (Owens)

- Latest draft has been sent to the RMC by John. Any changes send to John ASAP.

SAFENET update (Mason)

- Jenn Smith and Casey O’Connell are looking to revise the SAFENET home page.
- RMC to review all the verbiage on the SAFENET website, use, server location and protocol at the next meeting.
 - Taskgroup: Kathy Komatz, Ted Mason, Wes Keller, Shane Greer.

Subcommittee updates

IEMS (McCray)

- Kaili will be the new chair of the IEMS.
- IEMS Awards: In progress.
- Kaili would like to meet with the RMC to discuss what they need from IEMS, and review taskings and priorities. Would like leader’s intent from the RMC.
- First meeting to be held in April.
- Shane Greer will be the new liaison to IEMS.
- Jan Peterson will continue to be a member of the IEMS.

HTSC (Mason)

- Matt McFarlane will be the new chair.
- Need to provide direction, intent and review taskings and priorities.
- Joe Wyatt BLM new rep.
- Shane Greer will locate a USFS representative.

6 Minutes for Safety (Komatz)

- Week of Remembrance
- 6 Minutes website transitioning from LLC to NWCG website, aiming to have this completed before western fire season.

NIOSH updates (Butler)

- Looking for assistance with finding wildland fire data for a survey of wildland firefighters that visit the ER from work related incidents. (Injury type, activity, how did it occur?)
 - Kathy Komatz can assist.

U.S. Fire Administration Updates (Troup)

- Emerging Issues with the Volunteer Fire Service underway.
- Communication Guide ongoing and plan to have it out in April/May.

Round Robin

BLM: (Gales) - Not on call

BIA: (Beitia) – Not on call

FWS: (Mason)

- FMO meeting in Fredricksburg next week.

NPS (Fisher)

- Inmate firefighter fatality in CA on NPS jurisdiction after being struck by rock. LA County Serious Incident Review Team was sent, no timeline on report.

USFS: (Greer)

- Engagement Sessions to reduce negative outcomes underway.

States:

Western States (Williams)

- Work/rest length of assignment policy has been accepted, and will share with other State fire managers with the intent that it is adopted.
- Wayne will retire at the end of March. No replacement identified at this time.

Eastern States (Keller)

- Early spring fire season, many fires occurring.

Next Meeting:

May 24-26 in Boise. Further meeting location info TBA.

Next Call: all at 1300 MST

- April 21.

Conference call adjourned.