

**NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #31  
NUMBERING OF FIRE INVESTIGATION COURSES**

**BACKGROUND**

In May of 2000, the NWCG parent group chartered the Wildland Fire Investigation Working Team. The charter specifically directs this working team to establish certification and training standards for the position of wildland fire investigator. The working team submitted a draft standard to the parent group in June of 2001 and that standard was approved in October, 2001.

Part of the standard requires an extensive revision of the current P-151, Wildfire Origin and Cause Determination course, (last revised in 1992), and the development of two new training courses to support certification at the three approved levels.

**CURRENT STATUS**

P-151 is currently numbered to reflect its past status as a “prevention” course. With the realignment of fire prevention issues to the Education Working Team and the chartering of the Fire Investigation Working Team, a “P” designator does not accurately reflect the proper title for the planned revision of P-151 and the two new courses currently under development.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Fire Investigation Working Team, after consultation with Maureen Brooks, Chair of the Fire Education Working Team and NIFC’s Deb Epps, recommends that a new mnemonic identifier be approved and that the fire investigation courses be re-numbered as follows:

- FI-110 (Wildland Fire Cause Determination for First Responders)
- FI-210 (Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination) (Old P-151)
- FI-310 (Tentative course name: Wildland Fire Investigation: Case Development)
- FI-410 (Tentative course name: Wildland Fire Investigation: Case Management)

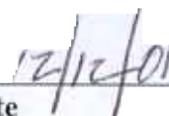
**ACTION REQUIRED**

Approval of this recommendation will result in the new numbering series proposed above.

**APPROVED** **DENIED**

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TWT Chair

  
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cc: Incident Operations Standards WT