

**NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #50
MODIFICATION OF COURSE HOURS FOR
OPERATIONS SECTION CHIEF, S-430**

BACKGROUND

The revision of the NWCG course Operations Section Chief, S-430, is nearing completion.

CURRENT STATUS

The suggested delivery time for the current course is 16 hours. Most geographic areas presenting the current course have increased course presentation time to 24-32 hours in order to adequately cover all course and unit objectives. Some geographic areas have added all-risk components to the standard NWCG course material. During the revision, additional exercises have been added to the units in the revised course to enhance trainee performance. The exercises improve practice in planning, supervision and coordination. The revised course content and the importance of the position require additional instruction time to ensure that students are adequately prepared to complete the position task book for the position.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Subject Matter Expert group revising S-430 that the suggested length of the course be increased from 16 hours to 24 hours.

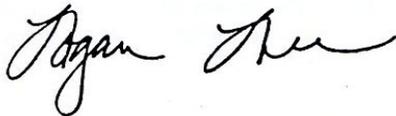
ACTION REQUIRED

Approval from the TWT for the increase in course hours.

APPROVED / DENIED
(circle one)

Approved: Not required training in PMS 310-1.

SIGNATURE



TWT Chair

Date

02/26/04

cc: Incident Operations Standards Working Team