



Safety and Health Working Team

April 26-30, 2004
San Diego, CA

ATTENDANCE

Gene Madden	Florida, DOF
John Gould	BIA, NIFC
Michelle Ryerson	BLM, NIFC
Rod Bloms	USFWS, NIFC
Stan Palmer	BLM, NIFC
Leslie Anderson	USFS, MTDC
Al King	NPS, NIFC
Karin Nichols	BLM, NIFC

California Safety Officers Conference

The SHWT attended the 2004 Interagency Safety Officers Conference on 4/27 & 4/28. Gene Madden, SHWT Vice Chair gave an update of the recent accomplishments, as well as, the current projects of the SHWT.

Review Action Log – All

The team reviewed and updated the Action Log. These updates will be posted to the website once the changes/corrections are made.

Contract and EERA resources – Ryerson-Grett

The team reviewed the material from the IBPWT and discussed the lack of COR enforcement with contractor performance, and compliance issues. The team would like further clarification from the IBPWT of the mitigations being taken on these issues.

***Action Item:** Follow-up with IBPWT chair and report back to the team on Contract and EERA resources - (Ryerson-Grett)*

Use of SOF's on Rx burns: SHWT & FUWT response – All

After an in-depth and lengthy discussion, it was decided to set up a conference call with the FUWT to gain a consensus between the two teams prior to the May meeting of the parent group. A task group (Gould, King) will determine in advance a number of recommendations and suggestions, to resolve the issue, for discussion on the conference call. It is the desire of the team to present the recommendation to the parent group by 5/6/04.

***Action Item:** Review the Prescribed Fire Complexity Rating System Guide and determine recommendations and suggestions to resolve the issue for discussion on the conference call with the FUWT. (Gould, King) due: 5/3/04*

***Note:** The FUWT chair Leenhouts, and SHWT chair Broyles mutually agreed that due to the time constraints before the May 10th NWCG meeting, to request a postponement to*

submit a joint proposal to the parent group until their fall meeting. This request was granted.

Burnover definition vs. Safety Gram language – Ryerson-Grett

The NWCG Glossary definition of “burnover” is different from what the SHWT is reporting on the Safety Gram. After discussion, the team agreed to establish criteria for reporting to the Safety Gram.

***Action Item:** Establish criteria for including an incident as a “burnover” in the Safety Gram - (Ryerson-Grett)*

Correspondence follow-up

The team has not received any response from recent correspondence with the IRMWT regarding ISUITE, the FEWT regarding Potable Water Tenders, and the National Equipment Committee regarding National Cache EMS equipment. It was decided that the liaisons to the other WT’s will contact the respective teams for comment.

Action Items:

Contact the IRMWT regarding the proposal to implement an accident reporting system in ISUITE – (Gould)

Contact the FEWT regarding Potable Water Tenders – (Broyles)

Contact the National Equipment Committee regarding National Cache EMS equipment – (Madden)

New Generation Fire Shelter Recall – Anderson

Leslie gave the team an update of how the problem with the New Generation Fire Shelter came up, how MTDC did sample testing, and how the retrofit process will work. The team examined the original with the tear, the retrofit, and the new manufactured samples. The team issued a Safety Warning on 4/9/04.

Update on the study of the four positions being analyzed – Anderson

Activity monitors were placed for two to three day periods on 8 dozer bosses, 7 division supervisors and 6 safety officers during the 2003 fire season during fires in the Western Montana area (Region 1). The data evaluated would suggest Dozer Boss and Safety Officers do not require the arduous pack test to meet the demands of their job. Division Supervisors should continue to meet the arduous pack test requirement, as it appears that the stress of the job is similar to that required by the test.

POSITIONS to be studied during 2004:

DIVS (Division Supervisor)

STDZ (Strike Team Leader Dozer)

STEN (Strike Team Leader Engine)

SITL (Situation Unit Leader)

SOF1 (Safety Officer T1)

(Handout #1) – Wildland Firefighter H&S Report

(Handout #2) – ICS Positional Study, Fire Season 2003

(Handout #3) – 2004 Wildland Fire Research Agenda

Fireline qualifications for EMT's – Madden

The team discussed a request from John Scussel, R1 IMS to consider the Fire Scope Fireline EMT proposal. Currently there are not any NWCG qualifications for fireline EMT's. The SHWT has discussed this position a few years ago and has not yet heard back from Firescope regarding the SHWT questions concerning the fireline EMT position.

PMSWT 2003 Report – Review SHWT respective documents for revision or elimination - Bloms

The SHWT reviewed the list of documents the team is responsible for. Some items for follow-up are:

- **Fatigue and the Firefighter** – it is recommended that MTDC begin revision in 2005.
Action Item: Include in the budget request (Broyles)
- **LCES decal**
Action Item: Check on the status – (Bloms)
- **Safety Posters**
Action Item: Provide information/advertise that these posters are available – (Ryerson-Grett)
- **Fire Shelter documents -**
Action Item: Verify/ensure that these remain under the responsibility of the SHWT – (Bloms)
- **Develop a training PowerPoint presentation of recent fire fatalities –**
Action Item: Bring the Thirtymile PPT to the fall meeting as a sample – (Anderson)

Include 5 MTDC videos in PMS – King

The team discussed the proposal to include the following five videos in the PMS:

1. Making a Crew, Part I: Putting a Crew Together
2. Making a Crew, Part II: Keeping a Crew Together
3. Focus on the Mission: Transporting Wildland Fire Fighters
4. Backing Up on Forest Roads
5. Driving Mountain Roads

Before accepting this proposal, the videos need to be reviewed.

Action Item: Review the five videos to validate accuracy and timeliness and decide if the team will endorse including in PMS – (Palmer, Bloms, Ashworth) – Due: 9/04

Additionally, it was proposed to include some or all of the BLM Refresher videos in the PMS.

Action Item: Review the four BLM Refresher videos for appropriateness – (Gould) – Due: 9/04

Annual Fire Refresher Training – King

The team discussed, as an informational topic, the FFAST initiative to continue to develop an annual fire refresher training program (video).

Request for Recognition form and “Scope of Practice” model for medical unit and EMT-B position. – Madden

The team discussed the Scope of Practice form (H/O #4) and the Medical Unit Operating Standards (H/O#5)

Action Item: *Draft a memo to the parent group recommending approval of the Medical Unit Operating Standards and Limited Request for Recognition – (Madden) – Due: 5/10/04*

Suggested cache item: Body Cooling Neck Wrap - King

The SHWT considered a suggestion to include a Body Cooling Neck Wrap as a standard cache item. The team decided against endorsing this, as it is considered a personal item.

Fall meeting date & location – All

The team agreed to meet the week of September 27th in Boise, ID, Cape Canaveral, FL the week of January 31st, and the week of May 16th in New York.

Conference Calls:

May 13, 2004 – 1300 MST

June 17, 2004 – 1300 MST

September 9, 2004 – 1300 MST

Fall Meeting Agenda Items:

SOFR Proposal – Hollenshead

Review/Discuss: Thirty Mile PPT

Review a burnover video (TBD 5/13/04 conference call)