



Safety and Health Working Team

Albuquerque, NM
September 20-22, 2005

ATTENDANCE

Gene Madden, Chair	FL DOF	Bob Ashworth	NV DOF
Michelle Ryerson, Vice Chair	BLM, NIFC	Ed Hollenshead	USFS, NIFC
John Gould	BIA, NIFC	Ed Forrester	WI DOF
Rod Bloms	USFWS, NIFC	Al King	NPS, NIFC
Stan Palmer	BLM, NIFC	Absent:	
Tim Lynch	USFS, MTDC	Mike Long	FL DOF, NWCG

GUESTS:

Mike DeGrosky, Guidance Group, Inc.

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.

Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AED's) - Medical Kits (Hollenshead)

Although there have been some instances of using AED's on fires, there currently is no policy in place requiring these devices in base camps. Camps only have them when Incident Commanders want them and they are available to order. The SHWT discussed the benefits as well as the disadvantages of having AED's as standard equipment. Also of note is that IMT's are already calling and asking for specifications of the AED's. The team agreed to refer this to the EMS Group for suggested implementation next season. Gene will draft a letter to the FEWT making this request and referencing the presidential/executive order about the AED. The existing IMT's should be able to validate whether or not accessories are available.

Action Item: Draft memo to FEWT with a cc to the IBPWT (Madden)

NWCG Refresher Training Strategy (King)

The SHWT discussed the NWCG Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training Strategic Plan for 2006-2010, prepared by The Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training Task Group. This strategy on annual fireline safety refresher training is targeted at those positions identified in the 2006 version of PMS 310-1, Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, which require annual fireline safety training. Agencies which determine that other positions, such as support personnel, need some type of initial fire safety training may use some or all of the products produced under this strategy but are not constrained to this material. This will be done on an agency by agency basis. The team agreed to send a letter of support to the NWCG parent group and assist in developing talking points to present to Fire Directors and at the October NWCG meeting.

Action Item: Draft memo to NWCG supporting the Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training Strategic Plan (Madden)

2006 IAWF Safety Summit (Madden)

Dick Mangan contacted Gene regarding the yearly contribution of \$5000 from the SHWT to sponsor the IAWF Safety Summit. The Safety Summit is international in scope, not just regional, therefore is an applicable venture for NWCG to fund. The team agreed to continue this yearly contribution. A letter to NWCG is required to make this request. Additionally, a member of the SHWT should sit as a member of the IAWF Steering Committee.

Action Item: Draft memo to NWCG requesting continued support to the IAWF Safety Summit (King)

Fire Shelters – Strategy (Gould)

There is concern regarding a memo that came out from the cache indicating that by the end of 2006 the transfer from the old to the new fire shelter would be complete. Conflicting information that the transition would be complete in 2008 is also being circulated. This makes it impossible for team members to respond to the field with accurate information. Part of the problem is that even though the SHWT is responsible for the production of the new pamphlet, transitioning timeframes were never discussed with the team. The team discussed the need for an interagency strategy, as it appears that all players are on separate pages regarding the timeframe, procuring, training and budgeting for the transition of the new fire shelters.

Action Item: Identify concerns to NWCG regarding the transition of the new fire shelters by letter or on conference call agenda (Gould & Ashworth)

Wildland Fire Interagency Investigation Review Repository (Gould)

With the information that is collected in the Lessons Learned Center repository as well as what is captured in the SAFENET, there is a need for a regression analysis to work the database and find out what data has actually been collected. Secondly, an analysis would be needed to identify trends and issues. After discussion, the SHWT agreed that John Gould would bring a specific proposal regarding the SAFENET and present it at the January meeting.

Safety Poster proposal (Madden)

The SHWT discussed the proposal from Guy Pence and agreed that these would not be supported by the SHWT. Gene will notify him of the decision.

HRO concepts and concepts from *Managing the Unexpected* (Lynch)

The SHWT discussed several concepts regarding Highly Reliable Organizations and agreed this is something to pursue further.

Liaison Reports (All) - Liaison reports were given from:

IBPWT & DAWG – Michelle Ryerson

EMSG – Gene Madden

IAWF & TWT– Al King

FFAST & SS WG – John Gould

IOSWT – Ed Hollenshead

MTDC – Tim Lynch

Strategic Planning Session (All)

The SHWT participated in a final strategic planning session, facilitated by Mike DeGrosky on Wednesday September 21, 2005

Crank Fire Burnover ('87) video review. (All)

The team reviewed the 1987 Crank Fire Burnover video and agreed to discontinue the video at the end of 2005 or when stock is depleted from the cache (no revision).

Conference Calls:

Oct 27th - 1300

January, 2006 Meeting Agenda Items: