

# Communication, Education, and Prevention Committee (CEPC)

## Conference Call Notes

Date: **February 8, 2018**

Time: 15:00 Eastern, 1300 Mountain, 1200 Pacific

CEPC Members: Gwen Beavans, Tina Boehle, Deb Fleming, Jen Smith, Fred Turck, Bruce Woods and Barb Geringer

### Agenda Topics:

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

**Chair's Business** – No report.

**NWCG Coordinator Report** – Getting ready for annual meeting next week. Also, the Operations and Training Committee successfully set up an Incident Planning subcommittee and is now working on an Incident Operations subcommittee – both are similar to our new PIO subcommittee. Fred asked about status of that and Deb advised that per Terri we're awaiting submission of names of interested participants. Besides that, nothing further from Terri on it. Deb recommended we identify a liaison to the subcommittee and that it should be someone other than Terri. Fred recommended Tina, Jen or himself. Tina is interested to function as the liaison and will work with Deb to work on expectations. Since the discussion on the intent for PIO subcommittee was on the agenda, discussion segued to that.

#### DISCUSSION TOPICS

**PIO Subcommittee Report** (continued) - Bruce stated he had already done some outreach through IAFC who will solicit members when in Reno. Deb will work with Tina on draft objectives to be re-sent (original comments due 2/1). Timeline and expectations to be worked on.

**Fire Investigation Subcommittee** - No report. Has there been any work done to build capacity on the subcommittee? Fred recommended that we could take discussion further as to how to proceed with Terri next month.

**Update on Patrol/Recommendation Guide Revision** – Update from Jesse Bender – no timeframe but Deb says they're working on it. Tabled until next month.

**Maureen Brooks update on FPET site** – Fred reported that great progress with structure and format done. Only Maureen and Gwen Hensley can access test site currently as it is FS only. Developer working on getting non-FS members access. Roadblock with 508 compliance issue. Maureen and Gwen are uploading current products. Gwen Beavans states that another issue is

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where will it be housed? NWCG or NIFC or? Deb says that should be good as long as 508 compliance met.

**Prevention Software update – Let’s not call it RAMS!** – Fred reported that there was supposed to be rollout in AZ but postponed – webinar took place instead. Will be tested soon. Folks are excited about potential due to likelihood it will be more widely used. There exists some consternation about the intent for the length of the plans one year vs. multi-year vs. short-term tweaks. Sam Scranton want lots of input because the business folks can modify. NFDRS question was of particular interest to folks. Fred believes we can have the short-, medium-, and long-term plans. Significant discussion ensued on the details and potential of the program as well as the hope for on-site training rescheduling.

**Publications discussion** – Per Deb, Terri was planning on a review. Currently 12 in existence and the list was reviewed with no progress about a year ago. We need to meaningfully get back to it – where are we, prioritize and let’s get rolling! What are the positions of import to the committee and the standards/quals needed? How do those work together with other needs? Deb asked if there’s another face-to-face meeting planned to work on these items. Gwen said the committee never calendared due to Boise constraints. Recommendation was made to just schedule it. Deb will chat with Terri at all-chairs meeting. Everyone else give it some thought as well.

## ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

NASF – Fred (VA) reports states getting ready for spring fire season east of the Mississippi. More precipitation received of late to reduce threat but still dry in spots. Still planning for prevention efforts across compact lines. Doing some training on the East Coast. VA has new state forester; former was promoted. Fred wanted to know from Jen about a refresher package for PIOs/Prevention. Jen thinks it’s a good idea and could do it with input on content. States gearing up for the 75<sup>th</sup> and see it as reenergizing the folks.

Bruce (TX) reports increase in human-caused ignitions. IAFC meeting last week in February. Local government folks interested in S420 stymied by lack of course availability unless they’re IMT members. Brought up terminology challenges efforts to bring continuity to prevention and PIOs across state and country. Gwen asked about NFPA changes and the process through the states vs. committees. As per Fred, too many interested players and organizations need to get together on this as well as other issues.

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NIFC – External Affairs – Jen is on a detail and happy to help with video – just let her know about content.

NPS – Tina reported that they just had a Fire Communication and Education meeting in Tucson during which they discussed the state of their program, attrition and hiring in the Intermountain Region and how they can best serve fire management moving forward.

USFS – Gwen reported CFFP meeting for Smokey Bear award winners; working on emails to nominators. Formal letters will then be announced and statues will be ordered. SB 75<sup>th</sup> plans moving along – events, educational products, social media platforms, etc. Website hosted by FS for multiagency all-events calendar. Logo in progress. The Smithsonian Zoo pitch was unsuccessful – unclear as to why. There are currently no FPETs or CMATs deployed. Regional prevention coordinators are meeting in Bend, OR next week. Significant personnel changes occurring in WO.

## Next Call

Date: March 8, 2018

Time: 15:00 Eastern, 1300 Mountain, 1200 Pacific

Anticipated Length: 1 -2 hours