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Make everything as simple as possible....

But not simpler.



# Leadplane Training Course

Ground  
Perspective





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Aerial  
Perspective





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Establish fire anatomy early

And

Reestablish it when conditions change.



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Heal

Left Flank

Right Flank

Left Shoulder

Right Shoulder

Head

Finger

Spot Fire





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Long Range

Cardinal Directions.

GPS Coordinates.



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Long Range

“Come to the west side of the fire.”

“Let me know when your ready to copy the lat long.”



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Medium Range

Fire Anatomy.

Fire Orientation.



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“We are working the southern fire.”

“Meet me on the right shoulder, the heel is in the drainage.”



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Short Range

Clock Orientation.

Fire Anatomy.



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## Use of Tactical Objectives

“We are trying to keep the right flank from progressing into the drainage.”



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## Use of Tactical Objectives

“Anchor at the heel and work up the right flank.”



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## Use of Tactical Objectives

“We are doing point protection around the structures at the heel.”



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## Use of Tactical Objectives

“The retardant will be indirect on the ridge uphill of the left flank.”



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## Use of Descriptive Terminology

“Start prior to the flare upon the right flank.”



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## Use of Descriptive Terminology

“The start point will be the rocky knob mid way up the right flank.”



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## Use of Descriptive Terminology

“They want the retardant on the green side of the road.”



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## Use of Descriptive Terminology

“Start prior to the black smoke on the right flank.”



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Failure to Utilize Fire  
Anatomy

“Meet me on the  
southern flank.”





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Failure to Utilize Fire  
Anatomy

Vs





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Failure to Utilize Fire  
Anatomy

“The heel of the fire is  
closest to the road.  
Meet me on the left  
shoulder.”





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## Target Descriptions

Start with an obvious landmark so that the sender and receiver can have the same starting point.

Deliver finer details in short communications so that the receiver can communicate that they understand.



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Practice radio discipline.

Think about what you want to say before transmitting.



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Practice brevity.

It takes practice to learn how to be brief over the radio.



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Start Big and Progress Towards Finer Details



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