



# Risk Management

Committee



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This Day in History introduction.doc



Today's discussion is from  
**"This Day in History"**

"Lessons Learned" serve as brief summaries of powerful learning opportunities. You can use these summaries as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, and your unit.

**We Are Pleased to Introduce "Lessons Learned This Day in History"  
First one will be July 3rd**

**Summary:** About once a month the 6 minutes for Safety discussion topic will be a "Lessons Learned This Day in History". The Lessons Learned will be presented on the anniversary of an historically significant event in wildland fire and aviation, including large fires and fatalities, operational firsts, inventions and developments, policy and law, research, education and public awareness.

The Lessons Learned will offer a summary of the event and relevant discussion points to spark a conversation about what happened, the lessons that were learned, and how those lessons can be applied to you, your crew and your unit.

Look for this new logo for a heads up on when there is a "Lessons Learned" topic available.

**Lessons Learned  
Discussion Points**

Each Lesson will tie in with a 6 Minutes for Safety topic, and references such as the IRPG. The facilitator of the learning can use the following tips for leading a productive and meaningful discussion.

**How to Effectively Facilitate a  
Discussion:**

- Maintain a neutral role — prompt others to discuss their ideas and suggestions.
- Maintain a balanced flow of ideas among your crew or unit— don't let a few dominate the discussion.
- Ensure that everyone participates.
- Keep the discussion focused on the topic at hand.
- Summarize the key points, and learning opportunities covered.

- Try to frame it in a way that will allow your crew or unit to realize the impact this event had on how they do their work today, and how they can continue to learn from it.

**The "Lessons Learned This Day in History" calendar will always be available to utilize as a safety topic on "Topic of Choice" days. Look for the calendar of events on the 6 Minutes for Safety webpage!**

References

- *Incident Response Pocket Guide*

"This Day in Wildland Fire History" is a collaborative project between "6 Minutes for Safety" and the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center.