



Memorandum No. 16-013

Date: 16 June 2016

TO: NWCG Executive Board Members

FROM: John Glenn, Chair, NWCG Executive Board

SUBJECT: NWCG "Wildland Firefighter Week of Remembrance"

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce that from this year forward June 30 through July 6 will be designated the NWCG "Wildland Firefighter Week of Remembrance." This week will serve as an annual opportunity to renew our commitment to the safety of wildland firefighters as we remember those who have fallen in the line of duty. Please distribute this information as appropriate through your agency channels.

Over many decades, lessons learned from accidents and fatalities that have occurred on wildland fires have led to significant improvements in firefighter education, training, operational practices, and risk management processes. Unfortunately, wildland firefighting remains inherently hazardous, and we continue to experience accidents and fatalities. The NWCG "Wildland Firefighter Week of Remembrance" is an opportunity to collectively remember our fallen firefighters as we continue our ongoing effort to enhance the safety of all wildland firefighters.

Each year during the "Wildland Firefighter Week of Remembrance," the NWCG *6 Minutes for Safety* program will develop and issue special topics to encourage firefighters to remember, reflect on, and discuss lessons learned from the past, and to apply these to today's risk management challenges.

The *6 Minutes for Safety* messages and additional resources will be available online at the NWCG website: <http://www.nwcg.gov/committees/6-Minutes-for-safety> and in the daily Incident Management Situation Report at: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>

For information about this initiative, please contact your agency representative on the NWCG Risk Management Committee at <http://www.nwcg.gov/committees/risk-management-committee/roster>