



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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Memorandum No. 16-017

Date: 19 August 2016

TO: NWCG Executive Board Members  
FROM: John Glenn, Chair, NWCG Executive Board  
SUBJECT: Steps for Safe Chainsaw Fuel Handling

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This memorandum communicates the release of NWCG Equipment Bulletin ETC-EB-2016-02, *Steps for Safe Chainsaw Fuel Handling* and the forthcoming August 21, 2016 "Six Minutes for Safety" message regarding fuel handling. Please distribute this memorandum through your agency channels.

**Issue/Action Requested:** Chainsaw fuel geysering incidents have resulted in serious injury to firefighters from ignition of sprayed fuel and vapor. The attached NWCG Equipment Bulletin, ETC-EB-2016-02, *Steps for Safe Chainsaw Fuel Handling*, and the forthcoming August 21, 2016 "Six Minutes for Safety" message provide information and recommendations intended to prevent, reduce the number of, and/or mitigate the consequences of fuel geysering incidents.

The NWCG Equipment Bulletin is attached to this document and can be located at:

<http://www.nwcg.gov/committees/equipment-technology-committee/resources>

The Six Minutes for Safety message will be posted at <http://www.nwcg.gov/committees/6-Minutes-for-safety>. It will also be included in the August 21, 2016 Incident Management Situation Report (IMSR).

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<http://www.nwcg.gov/committees/equipment-technology-committee>.

**Attachment:** Equipment Bulletin ETC-EB-2016-02 .