



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

Memorandum No. 16-023

Date: 6 October 2016

TO: NWCG Executive Board Members

FROM: John Glenn, Chair, NWCG Executive Board

SUBJECT: Changes to S-520 *Advanced Incident Management Course*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Glenn", is positioned to the right of the "FROM" and "SUBJECT" lines.

Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding recent and forthcoming changes to the NWCG S-520 *Advanced Incident Management course*, and to encourage future S-520 participation. Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

Issue/Action Requested:

The July 26, 2016 National Advanced Fire & Resource Institute briefing paper, *Changes to S-520 Advanced Incident Management Course (Attachment 1)*, describes changes to the S-520 course that have already been implemented, and states an expectation of additional course changes in the future. These changes are significant. As stated in the briefing paper, they are intended to better reflect the current fire culture and incident management environment.

Participation in S-520 is critical to wildland fire incident management team development and sustainability. Interest in the course may have been inhibited in recent years due to dated course design and delivery practices. Please examine the course changes and consider encouraging S-520 participation by employees in your agency.

Coordination: This memorandum has been coordinated with the S-520 Advanced Incident Management Course Development Subcommittee Chair and the NWCG Operations and Training Committee.

Contact Information: For further information, contact your agency's Operations and Training Committee representative(s).

Attachments:

NAFRI Briefing Paper "Changes to S520 Advanced Incident Management Course", September 14, 2016