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TO: NWCG Executive Board Members  
FROM: Frank Guzman, Chair, NWCG Executive Board  
SUBJECT: NWCG Standards for Communications Unit Operations in Response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

**Purpose:** The purpose of this memorandum is to release the NWCG Standards for Communications Unit Operations in response to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) developed by the NWCG Wildland Fire Radio Standards and Use Subcommittee.

Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

**Issue/Action:** These standards are directed to all Communications Unit Leaders (COML), Incident Communications Technicians (COMT) and Incident Management Teams (IMTs) and are intended to ensure safe and effective national interagency wildland fire communications unit operations during national coronavirus response efforts.


The standards may be updated as appropriate and necessary to respond to evolving situations and work conditions.


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