

# Staff Ride

## Resources



Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program

## Rock Creek – Tactical Decision Games

### Rock Creek Fire TDG #1 (Operational Level)

**Note to Facilitator:** Deliver TDGS information prior to departing Stand 1. Conduct the TDGS at Stand 2.

You are the Crew Boss for a 20 person handcrew. It is 1430 on July 28. It has been an average fire season and fuel conditions are dry. Over the past several days the temperature has exceeded 100 degrees with scattered thunderstorm activity. Today the temperature is over 100 degrees with winds out of the west and scattered developing cumulus clouds. You have been dispatched to a lightning ignited fire east of Orovada near Rock Creek.

As you drive on the two-track road into Rock Creek what is your assessment of the situation?

What are your instructions to your crew?

What questions do you have when you link up with your assigned fireline supervisor?

## Rock Creek Fire TDGS #2 (Tactical Level)

**Note to Facilitator:** Deliver TDGS information prior to departing Stand 2. Conduct the TDGS at Stand 3.

You are a Squad Boss assigned to anchor the bottom of the fire. You have been walking into the fire for about 45 minutes and have just arrived at the saddle one drainage to the west of the fire. Four or five of your ten squad members are a short distance behind working their way up the hill. The winds have been at your back from the west during the hike up. You observe a maturing thunderstorm directly over the fire. The fire is approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile up the hill from you and is about 25-35 acres. Currently, the fire has a moderate rate of spread uphill and is very slowly backing downhill. You see several unknown individuals working on the fire edge.

What is your next course of action?

What are your instructions to your squad?

### Rock Creek Fire TDGS #3 (Crisis Reaction)

**Note to Facilitator:** Deliver TDGS information prior to departing Stand 3. Conduct the TDGS at Stand 4.

You are a Squad Boss approaching the bottom of the fire. The wind has shifted out of the east due to a severe downdraft from a thunderstorm directly over the fire. The fire is rapidly gaining and heavy smoke is making it difficult to see. You have decided to retreat and have given the order to run down the drainage, going out to the west. You see one of your squad members trip and severely injured his ankle. The fire behavior has increased dramatically, and the fire is rapidly gaining on you. There is no time for delays as your chances of out running the fire are diminishing.

What is your next course of action?

## Rock Creek Fire TDGS #4 (Discussion)

**Note to Facilitator:** Handout and conduct the TDGS at Stand 4.

You are you and it is now.

Describe one lesson learned from this event you will share with those you work with?