

# NLOT Conference Call Agenda

Friday, April 15th, 2016

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## WELCOME & ROLL CALL

Attendance: Carol Hatfield, Ralph Rau, Paul Crespin, Sarah Tomsy, Scott Russell, Cecilia Seesholtz, Dale Deiter, Lisa Northrop, Mark Van Every, Sherry Tune, Tawnya Brummett, Tim Charnon, Tom Montoya, Leslie Auriemmo, Becki Heath, Frank Guzman, Bobbie Scopa, Kolleen Beesley (Presenter), Dana Reid (Facilitator), Deana Wall (Notes)

The Chief's Letter is out and expands the scope to include partners and our role with partners, pre-season protocols, unnecessary exposure, and acceptance of point protection as strategy. The Wildland Fire Risk Management Protocols followed the Chief's Intent letter and include specific details for 2016. There will be a Regional Forester round table discussion surrounding line officers needing training and consistency with perhaps a "task" for this group.

## AGENDA TOPICS

### NFML Update – Tawnya

- Tawnya is the course development committee member, vice Kevin Martin.
- The committee is looking to make adjustments to the course to make it fit the needs of the attendees.
  - This year's adjustments included moving the class to Santa Fe, a staff ride to Los Alamos (the prescribed fire event transition to Cerro Grande wildfire) and reduced the number of attendance from 100 to 50/55 to accommodate the added logistics of the new format.
    - Results from this year's AAR:
      - The staff ride, round table discussions involving coaches, and interagency representation all received positive feedback.
      - The diversity of experience levels from no experience to extensive experience received both positive and negative feedback. Does this add credibility to an introductory/basic course and an advanced course?
      - The longer length of course received no negative feedback.
  - Future potential improvement – Look at making the national course an advanced course, and leave LFML as a local course. Currently line officers can attend either.

### AAs at S-520 – Frank

- S-520 AAR comment review:
  - Experience level of attendees is still a concern.
  - Are we still trying to produce advanced AA?
  - With DOI, state and local govt. students, is this still where we want to go with this class?
- S-420 (Type 2 IMT C&GS qualifications) is in the revision stage. Is there an opportunity to tie AA into this course? If we want to add AAs to this course, it would take a whole new group of AAs, added workload to be coaches and engage with the course.
- See attachment for Frank's proposal; Frank would like feedback from this group.

- Outreach is still not occurring with all AAs. There is a need to develop a communication plan. With the call letter that comes out in December, how do we improve sharing and outreach?
- Agenda item for NFLC meeting.

#### National Accelerated Training Program – Dana

- NATP is intended for the advancement of Incident Management qualifications and future FAM/FS Leadership. The program will give participants an opportunity to gain exposure on national/regional issues. Nominations are due Monday with 20 individuals to be selected for the program. Individuals receive a two weeks of on-site leadership training, incident assignments and other virtual training and projects. Mentees are connected with line at middle and upper leadership levels.
- The proposal is to have participants engaged with NFLC; perhaps one to two members in the task groups and engage them with tasks of the NLOT POW.
  - Program is open to all grade levels.
  - Selections are being made next week.
  - Each participant will have a mentor; using the FS Mentoring Program.

#### Interagency Dispatch Implementation Project (IDIP) and Strengthening Continuity of Operations (COOP) – Kolleen Beesley

- In an effort to strengthen dispatch operations and continuity of planning, previous studies done on dispatch issues were validated and recommendations from those previous studies have been considered for consistent implementation (where previously, in some areas, some have been implemented and some were not). Refer to document sent with the agenda for more information on this project.
- The COOP has not been previously required or standardized. When it was researched it was found that a standard template does exist from FEMA. The group vetted out the possibility of standardizing with the FEMA template and all agencies involved were in agreement.
- The template for the COOP is 80 pages, however, many pages are instructional in nature. FEMA offers free training and FEMA will travel. Additionally, webinars are offered for dispatch centers.
- A virtual road show will roll out in May to the dispatch community.
- The template needs to be in place by May 2017.
- If there are capital investments required, a 2021 timeframe gives dispatch time and multiple budget cycles to comply.
- The COOP ties in the Interagency Dispatch guide.
- IDIP will hand the effort off to the National Coordination System Committee (NCSC) of NWCG.

Question – How will this roll out; unsure about coordination if this isn't rolled out properly?

- Roll out with virtual road show and coordination system.
- Virtual technology/webinars.
- A receptive dispatch community that is craving standardization.
- A memo would be appropriate.

Question – Does this factor in dispatch technology?

- Legacy system is Wildcad and based on local servers.
- New computer standardization; will sync to the “mother ship”.

Question – Does it matter if the framework our dispatch centers are working within are fire or all risk?

- Although the effort is paid for by wildland fire, it is acknowledged that it would be utilized by the entire organization. It can support homeland security and others.

### NFLC Meeting Update – Dana/Becki

- A robust agenda for NFLC is currently being worked on and will be sent out to this group once complete.
- Working on Monday's agenda for the NLOT meeting:
  - NLOT POW with the exception of the NFLC Workgroups which will be discussed in the larger meeting.
  - AA involvement with S-520.
  - National Accelerated Training Program.
  - Line officer awards, see Ed's follow-up emails.
- Meet at 1300 on Monday for NLOT meeting, don't worry if you are late.
  - Question from Becki – Would it be valuable to talk about progress of the LifeFirst Engagement Sessions? Do we need to dive in to that as a group in Denver? Has everyone participated in an Engagement Session?
    - Cecilia – I'm more interested in hearing from other regions involved, not just hard truths.
    - Paul – I'd like to hear a clear understanding on what the Chief's Intent is; it's been communicated that "more would come", what more is coming and how soon will we see if from leadership?
    - Regional Foresters all have "Life First" packets that should be cascaded down from the region (since April 1<sup>st</sup>). The expectation is that we would reach all firefighters.
    - Mark, Tawnya, Leslie, Dale have not been involved with an engagement and would like to know more.
    - Lisa – I have participated in two engagements and they have been very different.
    - In development of the agenda, there is a discussion of reproducing one as a part of the NFLC agenda.

### Close-Out – Dana/Becki

- Looking forward to seeing you in Denver!