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SE WA Training Newsletter

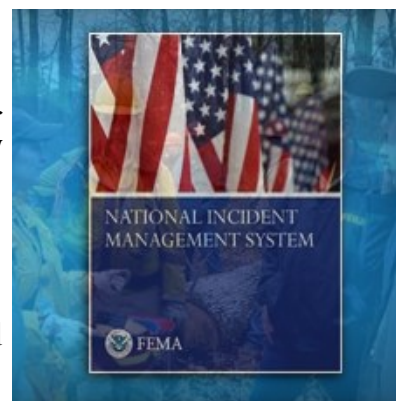
2014 310-1 Changes

There are some significant changes to the newest version of 310-1 and it is highly recommended that you familiarize yourself with the document to make sure you have a good understanding. I will summarize the primary changes for you:

Transitioned from FALA, FALB, FALC to FAL3, FAL2, and FAL1 these falling qualifications are done in conjunction with task books. DNR will not be able to issue falling qualifications to fire districts. These qualifications are issued and maintained by each agency.

For those of you that participate in Type 3 teams NWCG created OPS3, PSC3, FSC3, and LSC3. These have specific criteria that must be met to obtain this qualification. If you do not meet the pre-requisite in 310-1 there are task books for all of the Type 3 positions except OPS3. Required training for all of these newly established Type 3 positions is I-400. For some of you that will need to obtain a task book there is a corrected link on the NWCG website. You will notice that these are not NWCG PTB's but are FEMA PTB's that NWCG has deemed appropriate for use. Be sure to watch the EWITZ calendar to see when this course will be held.

Just a reminder that task books have a 3 year completion time limit on them. An individual that has begun the evaluation process need not take any newly required course(s) for the position. For the training officers remember your trainee's must meet the position pre-requisite to obtain the next task book, and must have all the courses completed prior to certification. One more item that was prominent in 2014 was that the ICT5 and ICT4 positions these must be evaluated on a wildland fire of that complexity level. I received several that were being evaluated for a T-5 on a higher level complexity and the same issue for ICT4.



Red Card Request Submittal Form

Many of you noticed a change to the form that was used in 2013. This will be utilized again in 2015. So why the change? The new form states that the individual is performing at a specific fitness level. On the prior form it merely stated that the Chief or Training Officer vouched that the individual meets 310-1 fitness levels, not stating which level. If you look at 310-1 you will see for each individual position there is a fitness level you are only being asked to check the appropriate box that corresponds to the individuals qualification level. I hope this helps to explain why we changed the form. You must submit your 2015 red card request on that form in order for me to process your request. If you still have questions, give me a call at 509-925-0966 or email me debbie.robinson@dnr.wa.gov

Experience Records

The Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (310-1) provides specific language for position currency requirements and states:

“For the positions identified in this guide, the maximum time allowed for maintaining currency is 3 years for air operations and dispatch positions and 5 years for all others.

Currency for a position can be maintained by successful performance in the position qualified for within the given timeframe, or successful performance in positions identified in this guide.”

WFS Administrative Expectation

In order for your members to maintain their National based qualification(s), they need to post at least one wildland fire experience every five years. This can be done by submitting “run sheets” to SE Region, DNR Training Coordinator or even a list of members and experiences. The information needed to post into IQS and receive experience credit will include: Individuals name, Fire Reference (i.e. name or number, and date of fire).

EXPERIENCE RECORDS NEED TO BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31ST OF EACH YEAR TO ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME TO PROCESS.

Ready Reserve Training 2014-2015 will be here before we know it. Get your request for courses to Southeast Region Training Manager by December 1st. Courses offered will be : S-131, S-133, S-215, S-200, S-290, S-230, and S-231. Be sure you refer to the Field Managers Course Guide, April 2014 edition to make sure course pre-requisites are met in order to nominate qualified candidates.

Useful Internet Links

Eastern Washington Interagency Training Zone: http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/schedule/list/show/25/filter/dates_future%2Aarea_nw%2Azone_nwew/sort/dates_asc/page/1

Wildfire Lessons Learned Center: <http://wildfirelessons.net/Home.aspx>

National Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (NWCG)

<http://www.nwcg.gov/index.htm>

Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR)

<http://www.nifc.gov/wfstar/>

DNR Fire District Assistance Programs

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/Topics/PreventionInformation/Pages/rp_fire_dnrfdassistprog.aspx

Important Dates :

New 310-1 10/1/14

Ready Reserve course needs: 12/1/2014

Experience Records: 01/31/2015

Red Card Requests submitted no later than 05/31/2015