

2012



SEASON REPORT

THE CRAIG INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREW

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HIGH PARK FIRE, JUNE 2012

2012 SEASON OVERVIEW



NIPPLE FIRE, JULY 2012

The 2012 Craig IHC fire season began on April 23rd with 80 hours of critical fire training standard to all IHC's nationwide. As part of this training, we try to spend the second week in the field gaining experience and working on crew cohesion through line dig simulations, saw training, shelter deployments, and medevac scenarios. This year, the crew spent four days camped outside of Carbondale, CO, honing operational skills digging containment line around a proposed Forest Service burn unit.

The crew started the two week training session with a headcount of 22; for the first time in recent memory, all 22 successfully completed critical 80 without injuries. The 2012 Craig Hotshots successfully completed a readiness review, and were made available for assignment on May 6th. Following four days in station, the crew went out on assignment immediately, spending over 90 days on fires, primarily in Region 2.



PINE RIDGE FIRE, JUNE 2012

NEW QUARTERS...

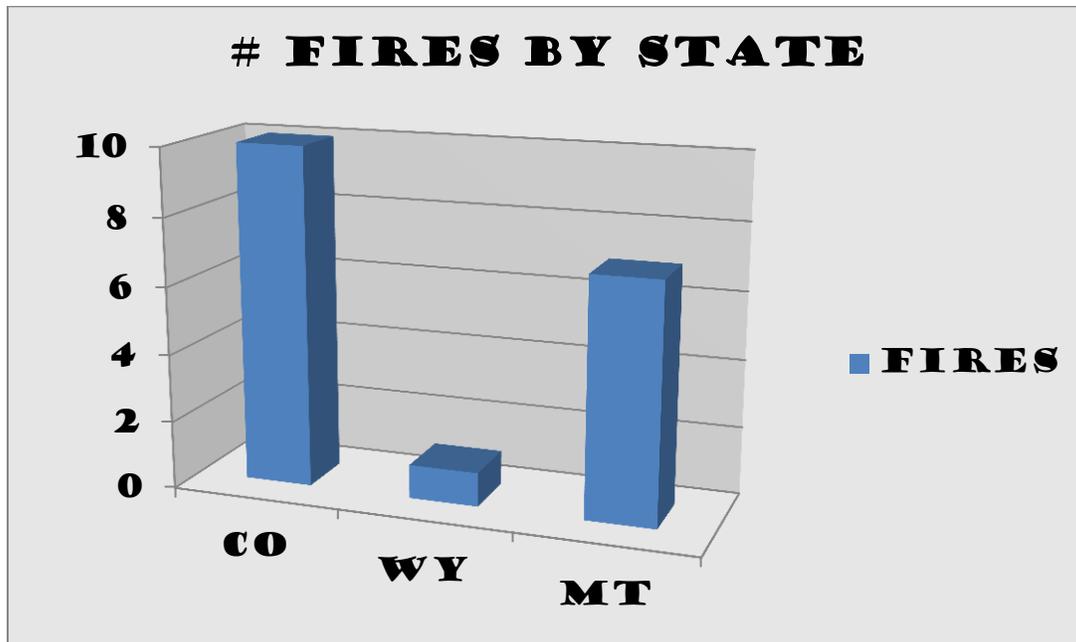
2012 saw the Craig Hotshots finally make the move into a new 7,000 square-foot facility. In between various setbacks, construction delays, prescribed fire duties and supporting local IA, the permanent staff also found time to move across town! But with diligence and hotshot perseverance, the building and grounds were trimmed out and ready to welcome the new crew on April 23rd.



The facility includes a top-notch weight room, training room with extensive audio-visual capabilities, locker rooms, welding shop, as well as space for full gear cache and tool storage. There are three large bays for winter vehicle parking; the outside yard is equipped with a saw shop and lighted outdoor work benches, tool sharpening stations, and additional storage.

2012 FIRE ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY:

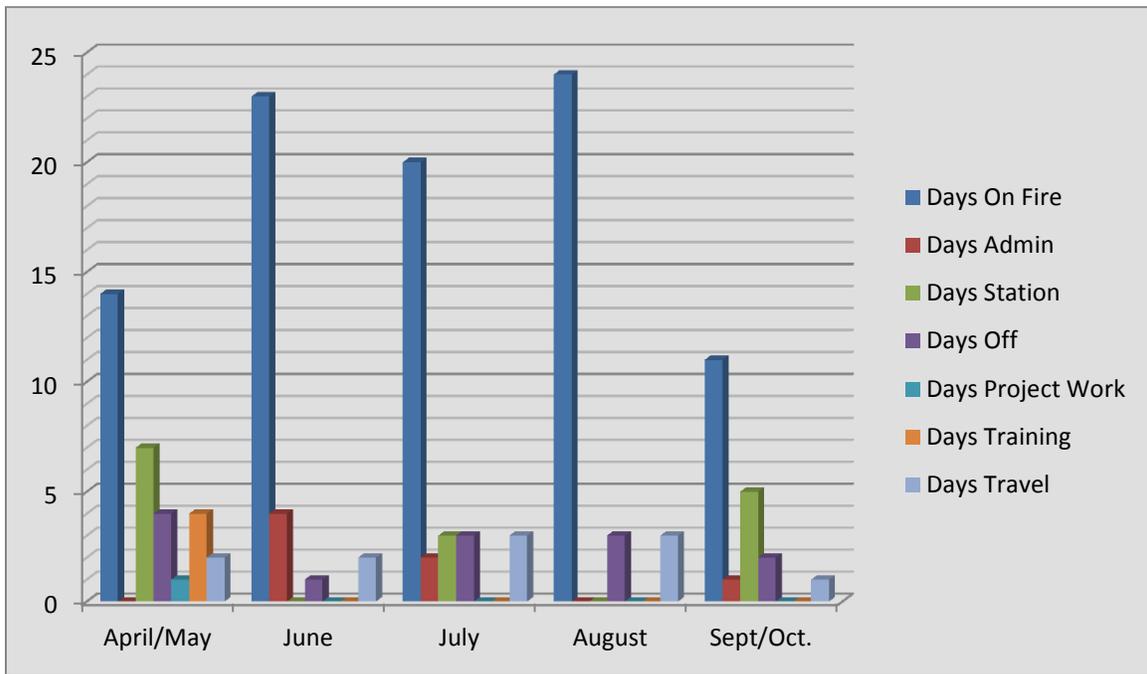
Below are breakdowns of fire assignments by state, days of assignment, and assignment by agency.



Due to the low snowpack experienced in the winter of 2011-2012, and the subsequent extreme drought conditions found in the Rocky Mountain region, the crew found itself primarily on Colorado fires this season, spending 5 of our 8 tours within the state on fires ranging from local initial attack to some of the high-profile Type 1 fires on the Front Range. We also spent two back-to-back 14-day tours in Montana on 7 different fires, and closed the year with 7 days on the Shepherder Hill Fire outside of Casper, WY.



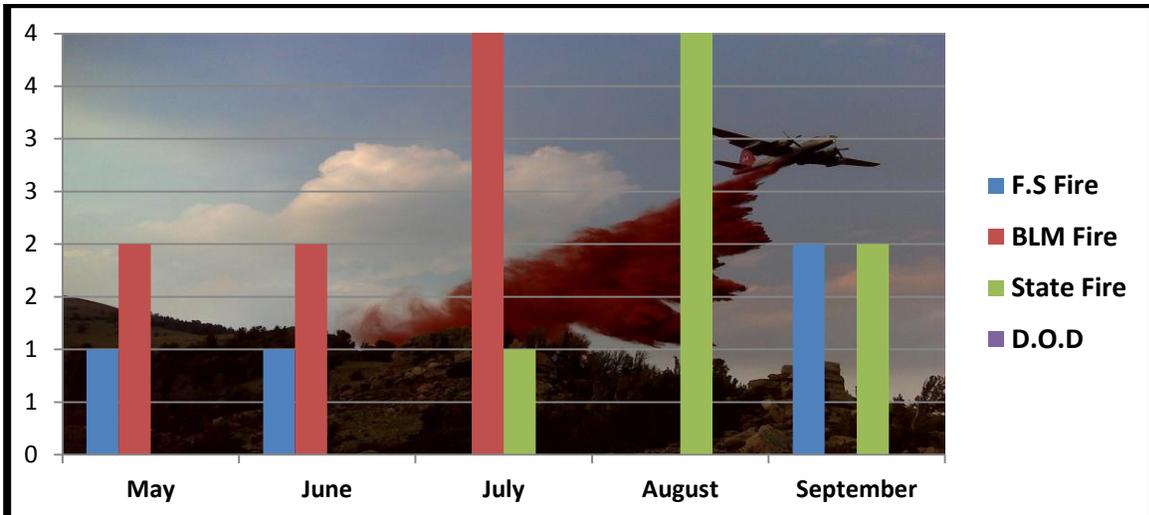
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	Days On Fire	Days Admin	Days Station	Days Off	Days Project Work	Days Training	Days Travel
April/May	2	0	0	2	1	10	1
June	22	3	1	1	0	0	2
July	16	3	4	4	0	1	4
August	19	0	2	4	0	1	3
Sept/Oct.	9	3	2	4	0	0	1



HEWLETT FIRE, JUNE 2012



	FS Fire	BLM Fire	State Fire	D.O.D Fire
May	1	1		
June	1	1		
July	2	5	1	
August	3		4	
September			2	



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Mod/Crew	Incident Dates	State	Operational Periods (shifts)	Mgmt Type	Fuel Type	Fire Size	Incident Name
Crew	5/13-5/16	CO	3	3	2	D	Brushy Mt
Crew	5/17-5/21	CO	4	2	1,2,3	G	Hewlett
Crew	5/27-6/8	CO	13	1,3	2,3	G	Sunrise Mine
Crew	6/12-6/26	CO	14	1	1,2,3	G	High Park
Crew	6/30-7/2	CO	3	1	1,2	G	Pine Ridge
Crew	7/3-7/13	WY	11	2	1,2,3	G	Squirrel Creek
Crew	7/19-7/22	CO	4	3	2,3	E	Brush Creek
Mod	7/23	CO	1	5	2	A	Nipple
Mod	7/23	CO	2	5	2	A	Hot Springs
Mod	7/23-7/24	CO	2	4	2	B	Mud Springs
Mod	7/24	CO	1	4	2	C	Hidden
Crew	7/31-8/5	MT	6	2	1,2,3	B	Butler
Crew	8/6-8/9	MT	4	2	1,2,3	G	Rosebud Complex
Crew	8/10-14	MT	5	3	3	B	Meadow Crk
Crew	8/22-8/24	MT	3	3	1,2,3	F	Black Beach
Crew	8/25-8/28	MT	4	2	1,2	G	Delphia
Crew	8/29-8/30	MT	2	3	1,2,3	G	Rosebud
Crew	8/31-9/3	MT	4	1	1,2,3	G	Pine Creek
Crew	9/10-9/16	WY	7	2	1,2,3	G	Shepherd Hill



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PROJECT WORK SUMMARY:



CRITICAL TRAINING, MAY 2012

Due to the extremely active fire season, the crew did not find itself engaged in project work for any appreciable length of time. Despite an ongoing agreement that allows us the ability to draw on funds set aside specifically for this purpose, the crew spent only one day in May cutting beetle-killed timber, on Forest Service land north of Steamboat Springs.



SUNRISE MINE FIRE, JUNE 2012

SAFETY:



SUNRISE MINE FIRE, JUNE 2012

VEHICLES:

A total of 67,412 miles were driven by the four crew vehicles over the season. All vehicles performed flawlessly throughout the season, with no problems to report. There were no vehicle accidents or close calls. All personnel completed a defensive driving and 4x4 driving course as well as a trailer towing course.



DELPHIA FIRE, AUGUST 2012

PERSONNEL:

The crew suffered only a few lost time injuries this season, one being an exacerbation of an old injury in late August that resulted in one crewmember receiving light duty for the duration of the season pending further evaluation. The only other injuries to report involved a minor laceration to a crewmember's thumb during one of our few days spent in station, and an IT band issue in early September that resulted in that crewmember also receiving light duty for the duration of the season.

2012 DETAIL PROGRAM:

DETAILERS	DATES	TOTAL	FROM
Josh Hill	7/30-9/5	38	Montrose BLM
John Wroblewski	7/30-9/5	38	Montrose BLM
Alex Takcas	9/9-9/17	9	Craig BLM
Kyle Strickland	9/9-9/17	9	Rifle BLM

In addition to the temporary fill-ins that accompanied the crew, a slight change in crew structure resulted in two of the career seasonal positions being filled in a detail capacity. Both of the incumbent foremen either detailed out or resigned, necessitating a shift to the one-foreman, three-squad boss system for the season. The third squad boss position was filled by a senior firefighter who accepted a NTE 1 year detail, while the foreman position was filled with an outside candidate also on a NTE 1 year basis, who later accepted the position permanently. The second foreman slot was filled internally at season's end by one of the squad bosses.



BUTLER FIRE, AUGUST 2012

2012 SEASON DATA SUMMARY:

2012 INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREW SEASON DATA

Crew Name: Craig Hotshots		
QUESTIONS		RESPONSE
AVAILABILITY		
1	Total days crew was assembled?	152
1a	Start Date	4/23
1b	End Date	9/20
2	Total number of days assigned to incidents? (Includes travel)	99
2a	How many days were in official travel status?	9
2b	How many 14 day tours were completed during total number of days assigned?	5
2c	Number of days on project work while assigned? (list specific type: e.g.. Trails, fuels etc.)	1
3	Total number of days off?	25
3a	Days off in pay status?	8
3b	Days off in non- pay status?	17
4	Number of days in training?	9
5	Number of days of non fire mandatory training?	4
6	Number of days in station or otherwise and not accounted for above	13
TRANSPORTATION		
7	Total miles driven? (Total of all vehicles)	67,412
8	How many vehicles do you have?	4
9	Number of vehicle accidents? (Vehicle down for repair due to accident)	0
9a	Number of injury vehicle accidents?	0
9b	Vehicle accidents above where fault was Government Driver?	0
10	Number of days vehicle down for failure or repairs? (Non-accident, total all vehicles)	1
11	How many times did your crew fly? (Count each leg as a flight)	0
11a	Commercial	0
11b	Charter	0
CREW PERSONEL		
12	Total number of funded personnel on crew?	22
13	How many personnel did you have for an average incident?	22
14	Total number of career appointments? (excluding apprentices)	7
15	Number of apprentices on crew?	0
16	Number of career positions that were vacant?	0
17	Number of career employee's on the crews that are eligible for retirement in the next 5 years?	1
PROJECTS		
18	Total Fuels Treatment Acres? (while Assigned and Unassigned)	0
18a	Mechanical?	0
18b	Burned?	0

2012 TRAINING SUMMARY:

Course	# of Hours
AAR Facilitation	2
Fire Behavior/ Peer Review	7
Leadership in Cinema	8
Annual Fire Refresher	8
Saw Refresher	8
Firing Methods	4
Fatality Case Studies (2)	2
Line Construction Field Day	15
First Aid/ CPR	8
Blood Borne Pathogens	2
Medivac Procedures	8
LCES	2
Entrapment Avoidance	2
Common Denominators	2
Downhill Checklist	2
Crew SOP	4
Agency Ethics/ EEO	2
IA Size Up	2
Strategy/ Tactics	2
Conduct for Wildland Fire Community	2
HazMat	1
Defensive Driving	4
4 x 4 Driving	4
Sand Table Exercises	8
Total Training	109

Taskbook	Initiated	Completed
HECM	0	0
CRWB	0	1
FALC	2	0
FALB	6	6
FALA	4	4
FFT1	0	2
ICT4	0	0
1CT5	0	0
TFLD	1	1
FELB	0	0
FEMO	0	0
DIVS	1	0
DOZB	0	1
FIRB	3	1

ADDITIONAL TRAINING TAKEN:

- S-133 Look up, Look Around
- S-212 Power Saws
- Trailer Towing
- Low Angle Rescue LARRO



SQUIRREL CREEK FIRE, JULY 2012

2012 CREW QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY:

Name	FFT2	FFT1	ENOP	CRWB	ENGB	ICT 5	ICT4	ICT3	HECM	FALA	FALB	FALC	RXB2	FIRB	FOBS	DOZB	STCR	TFLD	DIV
Shawn Telford	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	T	Q	Q	Q	Q	T	Q	Q		Q	Q	Q
Sara Knapp	Q	Q		Q		Q	Q		Q	Q	Q			Q	T	Q	Q	Q	T
Sean Carey	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q		Q	Q	Q			T		T	Q	Q	
CW Portell	Q	Q		Q		Q				Q	Q			Q		Q			
Thomas Evenson	Q									Q									
Rob Rydberg	Q	Q				Q				Q	Q								
Brett White	Q	T				T				Q	Q								
Eric Kroll	Q	Q				T				Q	Q								
Luke Roberts	Q	Q							Q	Q									
Bryan Makor	Q	Q				T				Q	Q								
Troy Schaus	Q	Q	Q	T	T	Q			Q	Q	Q	Q		T					
Steven Wear	Q									Q	Q								
Kenny Lovell	Q	Q		T		T			T	Q	Q	T							
Eric Gillane	Q	Q				T				Q	Q								
Coyde Fickle	Q	T				T			Q	Q	Q								
Brian Kehoe	Q									Q									
John O' Connor	Q									Q									
Seth Casebolt	Q	Q				Q			Q	Q	Q								
David Shultz	Q									Q									
Joshua Jacobs	Q	Q				Q				Q	Q								
Phillip Truitt	Q									Q									
Geoff Harrison	Q	Q		Q		T			Q	Q	Q	T		T					



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2012 CREW ROSTER:

- SHAWN TELFORD
- SARA KNAPP
- SEAN CAREY
- CW PORTELL
- TROY SCHAUS
- KENNY LOVELL
- GEOFF HARRISON
- ERIC GILLANE
- SETH CASEBOLT
- JOSHUA JACOBS
- ERIC KROL
- LUKE ROBERTS
- ROBERT RYDBERG
- BRYAN MAKOR
- BRETT WHITE
- COYDE FICKEL
- BRIAN KEHOE
- THOMAS EVENSON
- JOHN O'CONNOR
- DAVID SHULTZ
- STEVEN WEAR
- PHILLIP TRUITT

