

BLM Fire Training Officer Committee

Conference Call Agenda

Date/Time: 06/2/11 at 1000 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL: (participants in bold)

AK – Tony Doty	MT –	NIFC – Mike Ellsworth
AZ – Brian Achziger/ Steve Shaw	NV – Cindy Savoie	NIFC – Al Olson
CA – Nate Gogna	NM – Charley Luevano	NIFC – Pam McDonald
CO/WY – Kim Bang	OR/WA – Brian Rindlisbacher/ Mike Spencer	GBTU – Madonna Lengerich
EA –	UT –	
ID – Carol McElroy	NTC –	

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. UNLV GS-0401 Education Program (Ellsworth)

The BLM Fire Training Unit has currently received 17 applications for the UNLV GS-0401 Education Program. Therefore, the program will be offered this fall. Formal applicant contact will be made in the near future. Committee members may inform their applicants of course status and to expect formal notification soon.

2. Technical Fire Management (TFM) (Ellsworth)

The BLM Fire Training Unit has not received any applications for TFM. Applications, funded by state of local unit, may still be submitted to Mike Ellsworth.

A TFM Steering Subcommittee is currently conducting a complete curriculum review with Washington Institute. Preliminary meetings have been productive.

3. BLM Fire and Aviation Training Information Job Aid (Olson)

Al Olson has completed a complete review of the Redbook and has compiled edits to the BLM Fire and Aviation Training Information Job Aid. Once edits are finalized the Job Aid will be uploaded to the website in the coming weeks.

ACTION: Once the new Job Aid is posted on the website, all Committee members should review the Job Aid and submit comments and concerns to Al Olson.

4. Extending Open PTB from 3 Years to 5 Years Update (Ellsworth)

Mike Ellsworth submitted the Committee's issue paper supporting a 3-year open PTB option to Jeff Arnberger, Fire Operations. Jeff will present the Committee's recommendation to the OWDC during their June conference call.

5. PMS 310-1 Update (Ellsworth)

An update to the PMS 310-1 is scheduled to be released this week. This revision does not include the currency updates. Another DRAFT version will be released in the coming months complete with currency language and frequently asked questions (FAQs). When available, Mike Ellsworth will send the DRAFT PMS 310-1 to Committee members for review and comment.

ACTION: Send DRAFT PMS 310-1 comments to Mike Ellsworth. Committee GATRs will submit to the GATR chair as well as a courtesy copy to Mike Ellsworth.

6. IQCS Update from Spring CMB (Ellsworth)

Mike Ellsworth updated the group on the recent IQCS Change Management Board meeting. There will be a training database code freeze from July to December 2011 due to a functionality upgrade. A larger upgrade will occur in the future.

7. Taking Care of Our Own®--National Fallen Firefighter Foundation (NFFF) (Ellsworth)

The BLM Fire Training Unit hosted a session of the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation's *Taking Care of Our Own®* course. The course was well-received with Vicki Minor of the Wildland Firefighter Foundation and NFFF's Bill Hinton meeting for the first time.

This course is offered free of charge by a group of NFFF cadre. Due to overwhelming support of the program, NFFF is experiencing a lack of cadre. CO/WY also recently hosted the course. Kim Bang advised the Committee that she offered to work with NFFF to compile a list of fatality fire survivors who are willing to become a part of the national cadre. If you know of a survivor who would be willing to participate, contact Kim Bang.

More information about *Taking Care of Our Own®* can be found at <http://firehero.org/resources/departments/tcoo/>.

Round Robin:

- AK – Fire activity is increasing. Tony has accepted a position in D.C. and is awaiting security clearance. Once Tony reports to his new position, Lynn Standley-Coe will act in the Fire Training Section Chief position until it is filled.
- AZ – Nothing to report.
- CA – Nate asked if all who wanted an AREP booklet had received one and will make another shipment. Training has concluded. The large advanced academy will resume in the fall with another big advanced academy scheduled for January 2012. Enrollment in the Academy is down 20%.
- CO/WY – Kim discussed a recent flurry of e-mails regarding a vendor issuing NWCG certificates in the Great Basin. Tenna Biggs is handling the situation.
- ID – Local training and orientations are in full swing.
- NV – Nothing to report.
- NM – Active fire season. There are a couple of RX operations on the books, so assignments are available.
- OR/WA – Lots of rain. Due to budgetary constraints, OR/WA is scaling back on preparedness reviews.

- GBTU – The FY12 schedule is about complete with an estimated 45 courses.
- National Office – The next conference call will be **Wednesday, July 6, 2011**, at 1000 hours (Mountain).