

NR FALL TRAINING MEETING

Attendees: Tuesday Kimball, Melissa Wegner, Rosie Lemire, Matt Gibbons, Billy Phillips, Karly DeMars, Matt Hicks, David Hamilton, Andy Schell, Todd Opperman, Tammy Stevens, Tracy Spang, Mardell Dahlin, Mike Gibbons, Chris Johnson., Angelic Koch, & Deanna Crawford.

GATR Updates– Melissa

- Newly Formed Committee at NIFC on August 2020—Training Delivery Committee. GATR's were directed to be voting members on the committee.
- Intended to assist with FY21 Training Delivery—go to the NWCG website for more information—<https://www.nwcg.gov/committees/training-delivery-committee>.
- Learning Portal is not a secure web-based platform, but is a content management site. You can utilize personal zoom accounts.
- FEMA is offering virtual delivery for ICS-300 & 400—Melissa will send out the information on that.
- Proposed to the NRCG Board for NRTC group to utilize Firenet365 for the training based platform for deliver. Do not need an account, student are invited.

Training Center Updates—NRTC Training Coordinators

- **No tuition this season—with virtual delivered courses.**
- **L380/L381—are contracted and is charged by student to pay for (approx. \$1000 per student).**
- Rosie—student email updates are important
 - ◇ NEEDS to be correct in IQCS & on NWCG NOMS
 - ◇ PSE's that go into Non-Pay Status = Use Personal Emails.
 - ◇ NOMINATORS (Supervisor or Training Officer) need cleaned up also—a lot still have fs.fed.us (need to be usda.gov).
- Front office position was filled as a Training Tech.—hopeful to have a tentative start date of early December).
- 12/31/20 Rosie Lemire retires—we will all miss her dearly and appreciate all the outstanding work she has done!!!!
- Billy Phillips was part time WO/NRTC and is now full time at NRTC.

- AFD as a whole is still virtual. There is limited use of rooms outside of training or AFD personnel. Let Melissa know if you have a need for one of the rooms and they will accommodate.
- IT Support Personnel (Patrick & Tara) went to CIO, not catering to R1 AFD anymore which is a big loss of equipment & abilities are limited.
- Did get some \$\$ for new IT & Equipment such as, LED projectors.

RED Train the Trainer Update – Matt Gibson


- **What do the ZONES need from us?**
- RED is an idea that Matt had – dates are up for a discussion – proposing not to have it as a formal week-long class.
- Idea is to support cadres – only for coordinators & instructors.
- Can go over WEB PLATFORMS (TEAMS, Go To Meeting, & Zoom), Instructional Design.
- Office Hours – could be one day a week – working together/ take requests & open office hours to cadre.
- Propose not to have on Friday with the use or lose leave season.

Staff Updates – NRTC Training Coordinators

- **Billy Phillips – 2021 Delivery = RX310, RX410, S420, E-Isuite**
- Working with the Training Delivery Group on RX310 & RX410.
- U of I developed RX310 – paid by NWCG for virtual delivery
 - Currently no MOU in place.
 - Class is 3-4 hours of virtual delivery, NR specific information with students working on their own.
 - First Natl delivery is in December and NR selections will be in December
 - Not limited in #'s – NR students first priority – 180-190 NOMS.
- RX410 developed by a number of Geographic area.
 - More of a national scope – 8 units to build in with NR specific information.
 - Additional things to consider – will be discussing final numbers with Melissa Wegner.
 - Approximately 120 NOMS.
- S420 – approved for delivery last year
 - Contains 4-day in person simulations
 - Challenge for Cadre – developing virtual simulations

- Not going to extend student numbers – have 30 NOMS – ½ are OGA.
- NWCG may still have it listed as an in-person course.
- E-Isuite – Carly is the lead
 - 28 NOMS – in the past had 2 session, now combined to one.
- **Matt Gibson – 2021 Delivery = S339, RX301/341**
- S339 - 60 NOMS with OGA.
- RX301/341 - Jeff Hays is the lead
 - Getting a couple additional coaching groups
 - Not certain on #'s yet.
 - Cadre meeting 11/5 for RX301.
 - Opted for one-week course – testing new technologies – may open the door to digital sand table simulations.
- M581- National discussion
 - Not sure on the course yet – team discussions are big
 - Course timeframes are a factor – being flexible is important.
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- Other updates from Matt Gibson
 - Virtual Reality (VR) Projects – many high-tech projects – can view 3D objects & environments (very cool!)
 - THIS – Tree Hazard Identification Simulations was built using VR technology, but has been pulled from the portal for now.
 - Generally S490 is goo in the NR – nationally still working on it.
 - Behave Plus training is rebuilt – on the training side – will be moving to production side. – please have FBAN's or Fuels folks provide Matt or LaWen any feedback.
 - For the high-tech VR projects – working with RMR Station – practice lighting/firing tools virtually – 5-year project.
- **Mary Reevis – 2021 Delivery (covered by Melissa Wegner) – RT Classes – 372 & 378 + L380, L381, S359, S375**
- RT-378 includes a sand table exercise
- L-classes (ATO Frank Contractor) - are face-to-face with COVID mitigations in place.
 - Employees will need approvals from Line Officer's for attendance.
 - Zone allocated seats apply.
- S359 – RO IMS Coordinator
 - Consists of mostly OGA NOMS, need agency folks.

- Great for IMT succession.
- S375 – on a National Rotation
- S372 – not currently on schedule
 - There is a big need from the North ID Zone for the class with employees having completed task books & only able to put OGA nominations in.
 - Did a round robin across the zones and everyone has a need for a few folks.
 - Melissa adding to the schedule – not taught since 2018.
- **Rosie Lemire – 20- 2021 Updates/Wildland Fire Training Portal**
 - Late NOMS? – IQCS is closed, but will accept late NOMS (some classes are limited)
 - Training Summary Sheets will come out to the Zone Coordinators – **PLEASE CHECK THE STUDENT & TRAINING. OFFICER EMAILS & MAKE CHANGES.**
 - Selection Memos – if class is listed as virtual or TBA > Posted on the Learning Portal.
 - Completions are on the Learning Portal.
 - No 30-day notices with virtual delivery.
 - For posting Zone classes – there is a home page per zone developed – BUT everyone has to take the Training First!
- **Chris Johnson – Virtual Training Design**
 - Updated Start Dates – they were on Federal Holidays – please distribute the new schedule
 - End dates are flexible due to virtual delivery.
 - Includes virtual & satellite classroom
 - Tuition – partnered with U of M & using University’s model & there is a cost.
 - Lead Instructors = 2 free seats
 - Unit Instructors = 1 free seat
 - Adding You Will Not Stand Alone – CJ = Casualty Assistance Program (CAP)- National Class.
 - Some classes limited in numbers, most not (M410 for example – looking to maximize).
 - S230, S236, S261 may be limited.
 - Up to satellite class unit instructor (virtual room or brick & mortar).
 - Issues – printers & proctored exams.
 - Waitlisted – if not a pure satellite class.
 - Exams – may use Survey Monkey – except for S290 & S390.
 - CJ gave a great overview of his process for the training season – thanks CJ!
 - Selection letter format almost finalized & spell out the process very well!

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- **Round Robin – Zone Training Coordinators & Representatives**
 - Everyone working through the planning process for training delivery to best provide critical lower-level training to ensure employees are qualified for critical incident management & prescribed fire positions.
 - **THANK YOU ROSIE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK & DEDICATION TO TRAINING!!!!!!!!!! ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT!!!!!!**