2013 Northwest Dispatch Workshop

May 6-8, 2013

Holiday Inn Portland Airport

Portland, Oregon

**Monday, May 6th**

Dana Reid and Jada Altman welcomed everyone and explained how the workshop schedule was going to work.

Keynote Speaker was Doug Booster who talked about “Fit for Duty”.

**Dan O’Brien**

IMT teams - dispatching the IMT teams, PNWCG has taken control and working on the Northwest Area going from 3 GEO boards down to 1 by 2015. PNWCG is actively involved in team selections. They are working on successional planning, trying to get more involvement of agency employees. The T1 team rosters are now being hosted by NWC. The NWC T1 team contacts are Susan Taylor for T1 Team 3 and Mike Hintz for T1 Team 2. There will be one alternate pool list for T1 and T2 teams instead of an alternate pool for each team.

Crew Utilization – a letter was sent out last week regarding T2 crews versus T2IA crews.

If the order is for a T2 crew the order will go to the closest force. If the host unit has T2IA and

T2 crews the order should be filled with T2IA. If the closest host unit only has T2 crews then

the order will be filled with a T2 crew.

SRV Crews – there will be 7 T2IA SRV crews in 2013. They will be self-sufficient and have their

own vehicles (not busses).

IHC Rotation in effect for one more year.

Cici and Brenda, or another IBA type, will sit at NWCC this summer.

Outreach for NWCC Public Affairs Officer has been tabled for now. The desk will be staffed with detailers starting July 1.

Dave is retiring. The job closes in 14 days.

**Suzie Stingley-Russell** (see PPT)

Suzie shared her work history before starting her job at NICC.

Currently there are 52 incident management teams, and this number is unsustainable. The goal is to cut the number down to 40 national teams that are Type 1 qualified and can expand and contract with an incident as needed. Teams would be comprised of agency employees.

Extension requests will not have to go through the GACCs unless the resource is a National Shared Resource. This idea is still in flux. Southern Area is thinking the GACCs need to approve due to the number of AD’s, and rather than extend an AD, an agency employee could possibly replace the AD.

Name Requests are still an issue. Trying to get all the CODS at NICC to think alike.

NMAC will be making the decision when to stand down teams when they are missing C&G members.

Flight times – be aware of flight times since the larger airtankers are faster than the leadplanes

and air attack.

Issues for Awareness – DOD wants to play but will not card MAFFS for IA. We don’t have the leadership capacity to do Battalions anymore, possibly platoons instead.

Priority Trainee lists – GATR’s are all working together. Each GATR will have their own lists but

will be working with other GATR’s to get folks out on assignments.

Area Command – currently down to 2 teams, would like to get at least 1-2 more

IHC Crew Specialist - NICC will be hosting an IHC Crew Specialist as an experiment this year. NICC’s vision is this position will work with GACC Coordinators and not direct with the crews.

WildCad – Version 6.0 is going thru security testing. Should be available fall of 2013 or early

2014. New contract in 6 yrs. Contract administration is moving from R5 to NICC Contracting.

IRWIN – Management has listened. Programs are getting information from other programs.

AFF – look at alternatives until it can be improved. No timeline on improvements.

**John Saltenberger** (see PPT)

Has been a cooler than average spring in the west, but it is really dry. This has been the driest May on record since 1895. The PNW is 5%-25% of where we should typically be for this time of year. The snow pack is diminishing rapidly. Expecting a hotter and dryer summer with an above normal fire season. However, need ignitions for this to occur.

**Tuesday, May 7th**

**Dan O’Brien**

The idea of supercenters has not been tabled and has fallen into the line officers hands. LIFC and KIFC are working towards combining. Hanford will be absorbed into CWICC. All Olympic and Mt. Baker Snoqualmie radios will be transferred to PSICC this fall.

Leader’s intent: PNWCG is really pushing successional planning.

Awards were given to Dave Quinn and Central Washington Dispatch for their achievements over the past year. Also recognized employees retiring in 2013 with many years of experience.

**Katie McConnell**

Center Manager’s Advisory Council Updates – Things that came up during the AAR last fall:

* Task Group was established to create a standardized Expanded Dispatch Desk Guide
* White paper drafted on name request guidelines.
* Standardization for contract resource in ROSS
* IMT dispatch protocols
* Incident Business, Gary Moberly is the current Dispatch Representative and is looking for his replacement
* Dispatch teams: going to give it a go again this year. The dispatch team is a good concept, even though it didn’t go smoothly last summer because everyone was BUSY, but we still like the idea. Going to have one EDSP pool and one EDSD pool this year. There will not be set teams and the EDSP can just go down the list until they find enough EDSDs. Also, team members don’t have to go for the full 14.
* Katie and Dan met with the Incident Commanders, and hopefully the dispatching process will go more smoothly in the future.
* Working on combining D311 and D312. One week of training, 2 certificates. Pilot class will occur in February 2014.
* AD Task Group established to create an AD Guide to help bring consistency to how we do business with ADs.

**Karen Hale-IMS** (see PPT)

EMT Requirements:

* License verification
* Proof of training
* Designated practice area, usually a county
* Have to be affiliated with a “service” for the entire license period, this has to deal with insurance.
* Have to have a background check
* If you are from out of state, need verification of reciprocity.

National EMT Registry:

* It is a private organization, does not have any real authority
* Basically checks a person’s license and says “yes this person is licensed.”
* Does not grant reciprocity.

Dr. Jui joined as physician advisor and has brought a lot of cohesion to the program. He is well known for wilderness medicine. He takes care of granting reciprocity when IMS teams go out of state.

Reciprocity is defined as a mutual exchange of privileges. EMT’s have to apply for reciprocity to act as an EMT in another state or county.

Dispatch Procedures:

* 5 person teams should be attached to each IMT order, instead it is usually part of the precut.
* The team manager’s dispatch office is in charge of the IMS Team rosters.
* Teams are responsible for Statusing themselves nationally.

An IMS letter went out and told people who were selected to sign up at their local dispatch office. They were also told if they could not find a host dispatch then they would not be a part of the program and would have to reapply next year. There is really no way to fix this, each center has its own hiring authority.

**Shared Resources Panel**

**Gary Atteberry – Smokejumpers**

**Larry Aragon – Air Attack**

**Megan Teaford – Aircraft Dispatcher**

Gary - would like a heads up if SMKJ are even thought about, helps them plan, 2012 they jumped to assist getting hikers out of the way of a fire, can do Para Cargo (anything from the

cache), Nationally there will be 450 Smokejumpers, Will be going from square to round parachutes, will take approximately 10 years to accomplish. North Cascade jump base will have

30-34 jumpers with jump ship J-09 and Redmond will have approximately 30 jumpers with

jump ships 175Z and 178Z.

Larry – we will have AA ships at the following units Klamath Falls, LaGrande, Redmond and

Wenatchee. Will provide Aerial Supervision as needed. Critical item is that each order has the correct frequencies.

Megan – attended the Air Attack refresher and recommends anyone interested to attend next year and to contact her if they are interested in doing a detail at Central Oregon Dispatch this year.

**Aviation Updates**

Aaron & Kurt: (see PPT)

Currently working on filling 7 vacancies and will detail someone into the ATGS coordinator position this June. Working on the Burns Seat Contract, an issue came up with the lease.

Considering adding an aircraft dispatcher to the Aviation Stat Teams this summer. Or at least make an effort to stop by dispatch and ask what could be changed or done differently.

The CWN light fixed wing fleet has been depleted by half. Not sure why. BLM is able to contract 10-20 additional SEATS this year.

Airtankers- 8 on the legacy contract, 8 more awarded on the next generation contract. This does not mean there will 16 air tankers on this season because the next generation air tankers are still being built. Be aware that not all next generation airtankers will be able to land at all the tanker bases due to ramp capacities.

ODF airtankers protocol: Imminent threat document currently states Life and Property must be threatened in order to use an ODF tanker on a Federal fire. New draft states Life **and/or** Property. Stay tuned for final imminent threat document. The approval process has also changed in regards to Line Officer Approval. Line Officers can now make the decision and then notify the SORO duty officer.

Central Washington asked about getting better access to Canadian Airtankers for splash and dash when they aren’t doing anything in Canada. Answer: there needs to be an agreement in place and proper carding.

Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Transfer Act: Senator McCain is pushing for the transfer of retired C-27J to the fire community for retardant use. This procedure, if it is happens, is a long ways out.

Mt. Rainier National Park will have a short haul helicopter this year. R6 will also have one ASM this season.

Neil: (see PPT)

The ODF will have three T2 Helicopters that are federally carded in Grants Pass, John Day, and Pendleton. Due to staffing the helicopters may or may not come with a manager.

They will have two state airtankers again this year in Redmond and Medford. They are working on getting four SEATS and staging them throughout Oregon.

Three air attacks in John Day, Roseburg, and Medford.

New ODF Airtanker Dispatch Procedures: The state can now order directly from the ODF Tanker Base Manager in Redmond or Medford. They no longer need to go through Salem. Federal agencies must still go through Salem to order the state tankers for federal fires. How ROSS is going to be handled, is still unknown at this time.

DNR will have five helicopters again this year, and two on a CWN contract.

**Isaiah Hirschfield-**Presentation on the new SIT209 (see PPT)

* New version of Sit-209 will be released January 1, 2014.
* Ultimately would like to train people up on the new Sit-209 program once it is launched and will focus on training next spring. There will be a Beta Test/Net Meeting set up to get people familiar with the new program.
* Just a reminder that the Sit Report has to be in by 0100 MST because NICC pulls their data from the program at 0200 MST.

Google Doc:

* Only show resources committed on **YOUR** unit, this excludes any resources listed on any local 209s. Please fill this out daily, the dispatch community wanted something to make the 10 o’clock call shorter, and this is the band aid for right now.

**Jada Altman-**ROSS Supply Ordering

* Jada handed out a Supply Ordering SOP document, it will be posted on the NWCC website.
* Determined that it was okay to give a block of S#s to a team, but they can only go direct to the cache for NFES items. Local purchase items will have to go through established channels.

**Isaiah Hirschfield-**Basic ROSS Reports (see PPT)

* ROSS REPORTS ARE VALUABLE!!
* See handout for User Community Reports
* Basic Reports module is available on the ROSS website, takes about 4 hrs. and gives a good overview of how to do reports in ROSS.
* If people are interested in doing a ROSS webinar, please let Isaiah know and he will put on a webinar if there is enough interest.

**Gina Papke-**ROSS 3.0 Update

* Came to light Lockheed-Martin was way behind on ROSS 3.0 and a stop work order was issued. Their contract expires on 12/31/13. A new contract will be solicited and Lockheed-Martin may or may not get the new ROSS contract. If a new contractor is selected, they may or may not choose to use the same ROSS format, and we could potentially start from scratch.
* The Beth Gray Cloud types are thinking about retiring, they are also contractors. Unsure if those positions will be filled if a new contractor is chosen.
* Gina is working on standardizing the ROSS catalog, hopefully there will eventually be links to pictures of actual equipment.
* There is now a VLAT category in ROSS.
* 50 new all-risk DOI positions will also be added to ROSS soon. Only a handful of people will be qualified for these positions.
* Please document any issues you have with the helpdesk. Send all major issues/concerns to Beth Spencer, she is the ROSS COR.

**Katie McConnell –** Issues for CM Advisory Council

* Fire Code
* Really want all resource items in ROSS, instead of Fill with Agreement
* Border Fires
* Which ROSS reports are life changing?
* Improving GACC communication
* Would like a spreadsheet with dispatcher qualifications listed
* Putting the single agency dispatch centers in the “Buff Color” in the mob guide
* Also would like one sheet in the mob guide with all the dispatch center phone numbers on it.
* Successional planning in dispatch

**Wednesday, May 8th**

**Interagency Contracting Overview**

**Ben McGrane**

**Sandra Chandler**

**Cindy Beck**

**Jeannie Abbott**

Ben McGrane:

* CWN Helos are in year 3 of 4 (status quo, no changes)
* CWN Light Fixed Wing: 14 vendors with 29 aircraft
* EXU Air Attack: La Grande and Wenatchee, year 2 of 3

Prineville and Klamath Falls, should be awarded shortly

* New ICPI qual will require S-262. Trained or qualified ICPI’s do not have to take the training.
* Rental Cars: Not much has changed
  + Use a travel card to rent vehicles if you aren’t going off road
  + Use the IBPA if you will be taking a vehicle off road (Send payment documentation to FACT Team)
  + Also the GSA/RSVP long term rental option
* Laptops: Smartsource only for 2013!! Platypus is not participating this year.
* DO NOT RENT A CAR WITH YOUR PERSONAL CREDIT CARD IF YOU DON’T HAVE TO. IF YOU DO HAVE TO, MAKE SURE IT IS ARRANGED THRU SATO OR MANASSAS.

Cindy Beck – T2 Crew agreements have been awarded. 51 contractors with 173 crews and 12

Strike Team Leaders. Awarded March 2013, good thru next fire season then can be extended

4 more years. 59 crews are currently ready to go, crew manifest must be done by June 1st.

Crew web site www.oregon.gov/odf/pages/fire/ops/iaca.aspx

**Patsy Michel (**see PPT)

Payment Centers