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To: Southwest Incident Commanders, Incident Management Team members, and Fire Managers

From: Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group

Topic/Issue: Southwest Agency Administrator Fire Leadership Awards

The Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG) is seeking nominations for the 2nd Annual Fire Leadership Awards. These geographic area awards recognize federal, state, and local agency administrators who made a difference through their leadership commitment to fire management. The 2007 awards went to Gene Blankenbaker (Tonto NF), Jeff Piechura (Northwest Fire District), and Jim Pond (Highlands Fire Department).

All agency administrators represented by SWCG member agencies are eligible. Candidates will be evaluated based on key criteria including:

- Commitment to firefighter and public safety
- Commitment to build interagency Incident Management Team capacity
- Commitment to interagency partnership efforts in fire management

The SWCG will choose agency administrators for awards based on those criteria and completion of the attached nomination form. These individual written nominations should be limited to one page. These awards offer recognition for agency administrators demonstrating outstanding leadership commitment, an often unrecognized factor that is critical to excellence in fire management.

All nomination forms should be forwarded to Kenan Jaycox in the Southwest Coordination Center no later than **December 31, 2008**.

Thanks for your consideration.

Bob Lineback

Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group

Attached: blank nomination form (page 2)

