

Intelligence

for the Initial Attack Dispatcher

INFORMATION

A variety of facts or details

SOURCES

- Manuals and user guides
- Operating plans
- Agreements
- Radio logs
- Maps
- Computer programs
- Internet
- Fire personnel
- Forecaster, observations, RAWs
- FAA
- Public
- IA dispatch staff
- Expanded staff

UTILIZATION

- Required for reports
- Prioritizing resource allocation
- Others need to know
- Nice for others to know
- Can be utilized to develop Intelligence

INFORMATION FLOW

Capture

Categorize

Direct

Document

Pass it on

ANALYSIS

A process of determining the value and use of information

EXAMPLES


- Long and short term trend analysis
- Validation of staffing levels
- Current vs. historic conditions (pocket cards)



Decision Support
focuses on:



Situation - Current and year-to-date incident activity



Resources - Monitoring, tracking, and analyzing resources for their availability and commitment



Fuels/Fire Danger - Entering and editing weather observations, and realying comparable NFDRS and/or CFFDRS components and indices

INTELLIGENCE

Information that has been analyzed for its application to the current situation

ROLE OF INTELLIGENCE

within the Dispatch/Coordination System

Collect, analyze, predict, interpret, and disseminate wildland fire and/or other types of incident information

GOAL OF INTELLIGENCE

Aid managers in the decision-making process and provide accurate information

EXAMPLES

- Synopsis of a weather forecast
- Resource status
- Weekly and monthly outlooks
- ICS-209
- Interagency Situation Report

WHY IT IS NEEDED

- Local, area, and national potential
- Prioritizing
- Anticipating
- Planning
- Decision making

DISSEMINATION

- Electronic mail
- Websites
- Forms, records, and reports
- Briefings - oral and written
- Local incident and resource status reports
- Display areas
- Fire information centers
- Situation reports
- Incident Status Summary

INFORMATION - INTELLIGENCE

VERIFICATION

The process of establishing the truth, accuracy, or validity of something

EXAMPLES

- Inconsistent weather indices
- Latitude/longitude
- Conflicting reports
- Unrealistic timeframes

CONSOLIDATION

The action or process of combining a number of things into a single more effective or coherent whole

EXAMPLES

- Organizing (eliminating duplication)
- Prioritizing
- Identifying relevant information

TREND

A general direction in which something is developing or changing

EXAMPLES

- Weather
- Resources required
- Burning conditions
- Safety concerns