

SOUTHWEST INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREW

Charter 2023

MISSION

The Southwest Area IHC Committee will provide the Hotshot crews and Fire Managers a means for interagency communications and feedback, proactive problem, and issue resolution. It will promote safe and effective Hotshot operations and will strive to ensure consistent adherence to national operation guidelines and fire management policies. National Interagency Hotshot Crews are Type 1 crews identified in the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide* as National Shared Resources.

OBJECTIVES

- **Analyze and consolidate issues, opportunities, and concerns. Communicate these to the appropriate management level.**
- **Provide leadership to SW IHCs with a focus on interagency service and solutions.**
- **Select and recommend appropriate processes for resolution of issues.**
- **Maintain positive communication and cross-cooperation with National IMTs to facilitate proactive problem solving.**

- **Provide feedback and recommendations to the SWCG and NMAC on IHC issues through the Assistant Director Fire Operations and Regional Fire Director.**
- **Ensure that safety, training, and technical information relevant to the enhancement of the Hotshot organization is disseminated.**
- **Coordinate dates, agenda, and lists of persons to attend committee meetings and workshops.**
- **Participate in the certification of new Southwest Area IHCs.**
- **Participate in the recertification or decertification of established Southwest Area IHC at the request of hosting units.**

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Southwest Area Hotshot Superintendents filling the following committee positions, selected by the Hotshot Superintendents in the Region.

- **Committee Chair - Drew Maxwell (Globe IHC)**
- **Committee CO- Chair – Harry Justin Romero (Silver City IHC)**
- **R3 National Chair Rep - Sara Sweeney (Mormon Lake IHC)**
- **IHC Representative (AZ-Fleet) – Steven Fairbanks (Payson IHC)**
- **IHC Representative (NM-Fleet) – Jesus (JJ) Rue (Smokey Bear IHC)**
- **IHC Representative (Hiring)– Michael (Boomer) Head (Gila IHC)**
- **IHC Representative- BIA- Julius Hoss (Geronimo IHC)**
- **Forest Service FMO Representative - AZ - Jason Clawson**
- **Forest Service FMO Representative - NM - Manuel Martinez**
- **IHC Representative BLM- Greg Smith (Aravaipa IHC)**

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION – Roles and Responsibilities

CHAIR / CO- CHAIR - To serve a two-year term. Co-Chair term and responsibilities are the same as the Chair, filling in when the Chair is unavailable. If the Chair vacates during the term, the Co-Chair will assume the Chair position through the end of the existing term. Upon completion of term the group will nominate, then vote for the next Chair/Co-Chair. Provides advice and general direction to the IHC's on issues and concerns. Presents issues to and from interagency Fire Management Officers and Managers, Regional Leadership, or others. Gains understanding and support for implementing issues the Committee deems important.

It will be the Chair's responsibility to:

1) convene and coordinate meetings or conference calls as necessary. 2) to facilitate the election of committee members, 3) to ensure appropriate IHC representation with various groups and meetings, 4) to objectively represent the IHC community on an interagency basis.

REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER GROUPS - The Committee will determine IHC representatives on other committees and groups. These representatives may consist of members, Hotshot Superintendents, or Hotshot Assistant Superintendents delegated by the Committee or the Chair to serve as the IHC representative as needed to groups such as:

1. **Election will be held at the beginning of the annual IHC Workshop. Hotshot Superintendents will make Chair and Co-Chair nominations. Outgoing Chair will facilitate.**
2. **One representative from each crew (Hotshot Superintendent or Hotshot Captain) will cast one closed ballot per crew. Outgoing Chair will tally the votes and announce the new Chair and Co- Chair.**
3. **New IHC representatives will be elected at the same time by the group as the Chair and Co-Chair.**

Chair, SW IHC Committee:

Drew Maxwell

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Date:

04/04/2023

Co-Chair SW IHC Committee:

Harry Justin Romero

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Assistant Director Fire Operation

James Pettit

Date:

Regional Fire Director

Jacob Nuttall

Date

