

SW Operations Group Conference Call Sept 16, 2009

ATTENDEES: David Bott (Ops Group Chair - BLM NM), Steve Shaw (BLM-AZ), Richard Nieto (USFS), Jason Greenlee (BIA), Eugene Pino (NM State Forestry), Kevin Boness (AZ State Forestry), Pat Pearson (USFWS), Dottie Clark (Silver City Fire Cache), Deborah Maxam (Prescott Fire Cache)

SW Cache Ordering procedures & Issues Dottie Clark & Deborah Maxam

Much of the cache policies comes from the National Mobilization Guide and the Southwest Area Mobilization Guide, and Interagency Fire Business Hand Book . They are working on a document that will encompass all cache ordering and policies procedures. Planning to have document together by the end of October.

Debbie is checking with FS Budget & Finance personnel on what is needed for other agencies to be able to procure supplies for non wildland fire actives from the caches.

Dottie is contacting other agency Grants and Agreements personnel to find out what needs to be initiated by FS or the other agency for them to procure supplies for non wildland fire actives from the caches.

Replacement Orders need: ROSS Resource Order, OF 315 Incident Replacement Requisition, and Cache Replacement Authorization Form. The OF 315 Incident Replacement Requisition form is a carbon copy form can get it from the cache or supply unit on fires.

David suggest including information about days & hours of caches operation (eg. open 7 days at PL 3+), and a note that if an incident/dispatch center anticipates a need to fill orders outside the normal cache hours that the dispatch center should notify the cache of the need for extending their hours of operation.

Rich asked about the turnaround time on the Fire Loss/Use report.

National direction is that the Fire Loss/Use report comes out 60 days after the incident ends. The host unit should follow up with the cache to get the Fire Loss/Use report to them within that time.

Caches are a Library type operation, most items are to be used and returned.

Cache Vans are for Type 1 or Type 2 incidents. For Type 3 incidents with 200 or more the IMT 3 must have a qualified Supply Unit Leader and IMT3 team needs to return cache van when the team is released.

50 person module is available for Type 3 & 4 incidents, doesn't have any capitalized property, only tools gloves, sleeping bags, forms etc. Modules are on pallets delivered by contractor so incident is responsible for return of 50 person module items. Incident can order more than 1 if needed, module supplies are for only 50 people. Modules have supplies that expire if kept longer the current fire season. Caches can add or remove items to change 50 person module. Need feedback from IMT3's if 50 person module is adequate or what items need to be added or removed.

SW Type 2 Crews update – Jason Greenlee

Type II Crew Evaluations are coming in regularly, 70 + Crew Evaluations are posted on SWCC web site. A half dozen issues so far, there is a folder for each evaluation and follow up actions. Agencies are working through issues and doing follow up.

Only a few other agency Type II Crew Evaluations. SW Ops Group members should encourage their Type II Crew to send evaluations to Jason at FAX 928 729-5029.

SW IHC Crew certification/recertification update –

Last info from Mark Kaib -was

The Ironwood crew has been peer reviewed by several overhead and the regions IHC's on their various assignments so far this year.

Darin Fisher the Chair of the IHC Sub-committee will be setting up a formal review around the week of Oct. 7th to review the crew, facilities, and crew evaluations at their station.

They will submit a certification determination to the operations group following this review.

Rich Nieto FS IHC crews handled recertification internally there will be some follow up next season.

It is time to rotate in a new SW Ops group Liaison to the IHC group. Steve Shaw indicated he is interested, will get back with David later.

Zone Type3 IMTs – David Bott

A Recognition Letter was sent from SWCG to Zone chairs commending those that established teams for 2009. In NM these teams made a difference, in firefighter and public safety, provided quick local management response for the incident complexity, and aided in reducing incident costs.

They encouraged participation by non-fire personnel available locally to assist with incident organizational functions where needed, and will help in building future Type 1 & 2 Incident Management Team capacity

Will ask SWCG to send out a letter for next season asking the Zones to continue working to develop a Local Zone Type 3 Team.

Review SW Type 1 & 2 IMT Recruitment/application process

Reviewed Draft of:

Recruitment Notice for 2010 Southwest Type 1 and 2 Incident Management Teams.

The Southwest Area will continue to host two Type 1, four Type 2 interagency Incident Management Teams (IMTs), and a Wildland Fire Management Team sponsored jointly with the Northern Rockies Geographic Area.

There was a question of whether there would be “free agent trainees” in 2010. After the call David Bott contacted Kennan at SWCC and confirmed that there will continue to be free agent trainees” in 2010.

For 2010 will ask individuals to submit the Nomination Form , **a copy of their current Incident Qualifications Record and Incident Qualifications Card(Red Card)**

SW Ops group members were asked to check their contact information for nominations to be sent to them.

At the October 14 meeting in Springerville the Draft- Recruitment Notice for 2010 Southwest Type 1 and 2 Incident Management Teams will be reviewed by IC's and SWCG. There will be a discussion on team makeup and the need for a LTAN position. The Final Recruitment Notice for 2010 Southwest Type 1 and 2 Incident Management Teams will be sent out November 2, 2009.

RX Contingency Resources

Interior can use of G code for RX project Resources, Bill VanBruggen at the last SWCG meeting indicated FS has some funding set aside for RX contingency resources. The Key is that agencies check ahead of time if RX contingency resources will be available if the RX is not declared a wild fire, and no Fire Code will be issued.

Fire Operations near the Mexico Border any new issues or concerns?

None. Keep all info on SWCC web site for 2010

Update of Southwest Operations Committee Members for SWCC Web site.

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Donald Griego NMS

Next SW Ops Group Meeting

Oct 13 &14, Apache-Sitgreaves Forest Service Supervisors Office, Springerville, AZ
Ops Group Meeting. starts 1300 AZ time on the 13th
Participate in IC AAR all day the14th