

CHAPTER 60

Overhead/Crews

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61 National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) Positions

61.1 Overhead Positions Listed in the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1, May 2008, NFES 1414.

This document is located at:

http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/pms-310-1_2008.pdf

61.2 Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS) Position Codes

The Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS) is an information management system that tracks training and certifications for Wildland Firefighters. For a complete list of all IQCS recognized Position Codes, refer to the Position Codes link at the following web site:

http://iqcs.nwcg.gov/documents/IQCS_PositionCodes.xls

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62 Crews and Wildland Fire Modules

62.1 Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews

For a complete list of all Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews, refer to the following web site: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/references/Type_1_Crews.pdf

62.2 Minimum Crew Standards for National Mobilization

(Revised 6/5/2008)

Minimum Standards	Type 1	Type 2 with IA Capability	Type 2
Fireline Capability	Initial attack/can be broken up into squads, fire line construction, complex firing operations(backfire)	Initial attack/can be broken up into squads, fireline construction, firing to include burnout	Initial attack, fireline construction, firing to include burnout
Crew Size	18-20		
Leadership Qualifications	Permanent Supervision Supt: TFLD, ICT4, FIRB Asst Supt: STCR, ICT4 3 Squad Bosses: CRWB(T), ICT5 2 Senior Firefighters: FFT1/Squad Boss and ICT5	CRWB 3 ICT5	CRWB 3 FFT1
Bilingual Requirement	CRWB and FFT1's must be bilingual (able to read and interpret) in language of crew.		
Experience	80% 1 season	60% 1 season	40% 1 season
Full Time Organized Crew	Yes (work and train as a unit 40 hrs per week)	No	
Communications	5 programmable radios	4 programmable radios	
Sawyers	3 agency qualified		None
Training	80 hours annual training	Basic firefighter training and/or annual firefighter Safety refresher	
Fitness	Arduous		
Logistics	Crew level agency purchasing authority	No purchasing authority	
Maximum Weight	5100 lbs		
Dispatch Availability	1 hour (available nationally)	Variable	
Production Factor	1.0	.8	
Transportation	Own transportation	Transportation needed	
Tools & Equipment	Fully equipped	Not equipped	
Personal Gear	Arrives with: Crew First Aid kit, personal first aid kit, headlamp, 1 qt canteen, web gear, sleeping bag		
PPE	Arrives with: Hardhat, fire resistant shirt/ pants, 8" leather boots, leather gloves, fire shelter, hearing/ eye protection		
Certification	Must be annually certified by the local host unit Agency Administrator or designee prior to being made available for assignment.	N/A	

62.3 Interagency Wildland Fire Modules

62.3.1 Wildland Fire Modules Configuration

As an interagency resource, the Wildland Fire Modules are available nationally throughout the fire season. The core module for mobilization is comprised of one (1) module leader and six (6) module crewmembers.

Specific agency modules may exceed the core configuration by adding an additional three (3) crewmembers at mobilization. If requested, modules can be configured and mobilized with less than six (6) crewmembers, but only after agreement between the requesting and sending units. Any negotiated configurations must be identified within the original request.

62.3.2 Wildland Fire Module Mobilization

Geographic Areas will mobilize local Interagency Wildland Fire Modules internally. There are local unit agreements to share Wildland Fire Modules between bordering units in different Geographic Areas.

The Wildland Fire Module Leader will contact the ordering unit to discuss incident/project requirements.

62.4 Smokejumpers

62.4.1 Numbers

There are approximately 482 smokejumpers at the following locations:

BLM Alaska	(Fairbanks)	73
BLM Great Basin	(Boise)	83
FS Region 1	(Missoula)	73
	(Grangeville)	31
	(West Yellowstone)	32
FS Region 4	(McCall)	70
FS Region 5	(Redding)	40
FS Region 6	(N. Cascade)	30
	(Redmond)	<u>50</u>
TOTAL		482

Daily availability is updated throughout the fire season and is posted at the following website: <http://www.nifc.gov/smokejumper/smjprt.php>

62.4.2 Smokejumper Gear, Weights, and Volume

	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>VOLUME</u>
Jump gear	50 lbs.	4.5 cu ft.
Travel Bag	45 lbs.	4.0 cu ft.
Main parachute	22 lbs.	1.5 cu ft.
Reserve parachute	12 lbs.	1.0 cu ft.
Average Smokejumper	175 lbs.	

62.5 Pilots – Lead Plane, Aerial Supervision Module and Smokejumper

For a complete list of Lead Plane, Aerial Supervision Module and Smokejumper pilot qualifications, refer to the following web site:

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/references/Pilots.pdf>

62.6 Rappeller and Helicopter Manager Gear, Weights, and Volume

	WEIGHT	VOLUME
Travel Bag and line gear	65 lbs.	2.0 cu ft
Specialized equipment	30 lbs.	1.0 cu ft
Helicopter Manager’s specialized Equipment (policy documents)	30 lbs.	1.0 cu ft

**62.7 Non-Standard Overhead Groups**

When ordered as a non-standard overhead group, “module, fuels” or “module, suppression,” individuals requested must reside within one geographic area. At the discretion of the host Geographic Area center manager, modules may be comprised of individuals from multiple host units within the Geographic Area.

Units may name request individual overhead positions from various geographic areas following standard ordering procedures for overhead requests and upon arrival, create modules locally based on mobilization needs and priorities.

62.8 Communications Coordinator (COMC)

Duties and Responsibilities:

A. Manage the allocation of communications resources at the Geographic Area level. This includes communications equipment, personnel, and associated supplies. The COMC reports daily to the NIFC Communications Duty Officer (CDO). The COMC will not be assigned to specific incidents or to an Area Command Team. Situations may occur when communications coordination is required between multiple Geographic Areas. Under these circumstances, a COMC may be assigned to a NICC Resource Order to provide overall coordination and support to COMCs assigned to the affected Geographic Areas.

B. Manage the frequency resources for all incidents under assigned jurisdiction. This includes all frequencies for ground tactical, command, logistics, and air operations.

NOTE: During complex or multiple fire situations, the COMC will request additional qualified personnel to be assigned as field COMCs. Any situation involving complex air operations will require that the COMC request an Aviation Frequency Coordinator specifically for air operations.

C. Maintains an accurate inventory of all communications equipment assigned to incidents under their control.

D. Keep current on the availability of communications resources for future Geographic Area and National requirements. The COMC should be current with procedures needed to obtain such resources.

E. Provide problem-solving recommendations and advice on communications issues to the respective Geographic Area Coordinators, the Area Command Teams, and/or to Incident Management Teams within a complex or single incident. National, as well as Geographic Area priorities will be considered when making recommendations and/or providing advice.

F. Assist incidents with communication system design and in obtaining specialized communications equipment.

62.9 Flight Manager

A Flight Manager will be designated for point-to-point flights transporting personnel. The Flight Manager is a government employee that is responsible for coordinating, managing, and supervising flight operations. The Flight Manager is not required to be on board for most flights. For those flights that have multiple legs or are complex in nature, a Flight Manager should attend the entire flight. The Flight Manager will meet the qualification standard for the level of mission

assigned as set forth in the *Interagency Aviation Training Guide* (IAT). The Flight Manager is supervised by the Sending Unit dispatcher until the destination is reached. The Flight Manager duties are:

- A. Brief the traveling personnel providing an overview of travel purpose and final destination, route of travel, intermediate stops, if applicable, and estimated time(s) of arrival (ETAs).
- B. Ensure the passenger manifest is accurate and contains the correct names and weights of the passengers. Note: The pilot is ultimately responsible for ensuring correct weights, balance and power computations. The Flight Manager will provide one copy of the manifest to the pilot-in-command and ensure that additional copies are available for the receiving unit and the sending dispatcher.
- C. Ensure proper Resource Tracking procedures are met. The NICC Flight Following telephone number is 1-800-994-6312.
- D. Ensure passenger aircraft safety briefing is conducted.
- E. Maintain a current list of telephone numbers for the sending and receiving units. The Flight Manager will contact the sending unit dispatch when the flight plan has deviated more than 30 minutes from the original flight plan.
- F. Have all personnel within the weight limitations, assembled, and ready to board in the designated staging area.
- G. Ensure the pilot and aircraft are currently authorized for the intended mission and the pilot-in-command can verify the aircraft is within weight and balance limitations.
- H. Responsible for signing the Daily Flight Report – Invoices (Form 6500-122 or AMD-23) for all flights (except for domestic air carriers, airlines, and NIFC contract aircraft).
- I. For Canadian travel, the Flight Manager will ensure proper documentation is included, as outlined in the Canadian/United States Operating Agreement (Chapter 40).

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63 National Incident Management Teams

Teams will be ordered by type using an Overhead Group request in ROSS.

63.1 Type 1 IMTs

There are four (4) National Incident Management Organization Teams (NIMO).

There are seventeen (17) Type 1 IMTs. The teams are dispersed as follows:

Northern Rockies	2	California	5
Rocky Mountain	1	Northwest	2
Southwest	2	Alaska	1
Great Basin	2	Southern	2

63.1.1 IMT Configurations

IMTs ordered through NICC will be requested as either a long or a short team configuration. Any variation from the standard configuration is at the discretion of the requesting unit. The Deputy Incident Commander position is not mandatory. The Incident Commander on IMTs may only be filled by current agency employees. It is recommended that the following positions also be filled by current agency employees: Finance/Admin. Section Chief Type 1 or 2, Procurement Unit Leader, Comp/Claims Unit Leader, and Compensation-for-Injury Specialist.

NIMO / Type 1 / Type 2 Short Team Configuration (Total of 10 positions)

ICT1 / ICT2	Incident Commander Type 1 / Type 2
SOF1 / SOF2	Safety Officer Type 1 / Type 2
PIO1 / PIO2	Public Information Officer Type 1 / Type 2
OSC1 / OSC2	Operations Section Chief Type 1 / Type 2 (2 each)
AOBD	Air Operations Branch Director
PSC1 / PSC2	Planning Section Chief Type 1 / Type 2
LSC1 / LSC2	Logistics Section Chief Type 1 / Type 2
FSC1 / FSC2	Finance/Admin Section Chief Type 1 / Type 2

NIMO / Type 1 / Type 2 Long Team Configuration (Total of 27 positions)

DIVS	Division/Group Supervisor (4 each)
ASGS	Air Support Group Supervisor
ATGS	Air Tactical Group Supervisor
SITL	Situation Unit Leader
RESL	Resources Unit Leader (2 each)

FBAN	Fire Behavior Analyst
COML	Communications Unit Leader
SPUL	Supply Unit Leader
FACL	Facilities Unit Leader
GSUL	Ground Support Unit Leader
TIME	Time Unit Leader
COMP	Comp/Claims Unit Leader
PROC	Procurement Unit Leader

Due to the nature of incidents that NIMO teams will be assigned to, team configuration may be negotiated by NMAC, the NIMO Coordinator, NIMO Incident Commander, and the requesting unit, up to the maximum number of positions. To increase personnel capacity and capability, trainees, apprentices, and/or technical specialists may be ordered for any or all positions.

In addition to the 27 positions identified on the long team configuration, IMTs may have a maximum of seventeen (17) positions to be negotiated and concurred on by the Incident Commander and the Agency Administrator from the requesting unit. As well, they may bring an additional six (6) trainee positions and six (6) S420/520 command and general staff mentorees. These positions are identified by the IMTs and not by receiving unit. Unless notified otherwise, these trainees will be mobilized for incidents on Federal lands.

63.1.2 NIMO Incident Management Team Type of Assignments

The following criteria will be considered in determining appropriate assignments for NIMO:

- Wildland Fire - NIMO Teams may be ordered for managing wildland fire. This is not limited to Type 1 or 2 wildfires, but may also be appropriate for multiple Type 3 fires for developing personnel capability as mentors, trainers, and evaluators.
 - Trigger Points
 - Multiple ignitions within a GACC
 - Agency Administrator requesting additional support
 - Fire is Type 2 complexity with potential for Type 1 (NIMO Team is assigned and Type 2 IMT remains integrated and in support and/or obtains Type 1 training and experience)

- Long Duration Incidents - A NIMO Team may be assigned to fires that are expected to last for several weeks or as the “second” team in to bring incidents to their conclusion.
 - Trigger Points
 - Incident is projected to last more than 14 days
 - Agency Administrator’s request for additional support

- Cost containment, WFSA/WFIP, Complexity Analysis, etc., indicates need for a non-traditional approach in managing the incident.
- Mission Specific Assignments
 - National / Geographic Area Operations Support
 - International Assignments
 - All Hazard
 - Fuels Management

63.1.3 NIMO Teams Rotation Process

- A. NIMO Teams remain on-call for a maximum of fourteen (14) days.
- B. At the time (clock hour and day of the week) a NIMO Team from the national rotation is requested, the next NIMO Team in rotation will be notified and placed in two hour call status and will remain on-call for the next 14 days.

NMAC has the authority to adjust the national team rotation in order to assign a NIMO Team.

The national rotation and current year assignments for NIMO Teams are maintained throughout the calendar year at web site: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/teams/nimo_rotate.pdf

63.1.4 Type 1 IMT Rotation Process

- A. Type 1 IMTs remain on-call for a maximum of seven (7) days.
- B. At the time (clock hour and day of the week) a Type 1 IMT from national rotation is requested, the next eligible Type 1 IMT in rotation will be notified and placed in two (2) hour call status and will remain in call status for the next seven (7) days. The next two (2) Type 1 IMTs in national rotation will also be notified of the schedule change. Geographic Areas unable to provide a Type 1 IMT when ordered for a national assignment will be listed as unavailable on the national rotation list and will not be considered until the designated slot rotates into position again.
- C. Geographic Areas with more than one (1) Type 1 IMT may decide which “eligible” team responds to a National call. Geographic Areas must pass if no “eligible” Type 1 IMT can meet the two-hour call.
- D. Type 1 IMTs will be considered unavailable for a National assignment if the primary Incident Commander is unavailable or it is necessary to have more than two (2) substitutes to fill Command/General

Staff positions. The Deputy Incident Commander may be allowed to take the team with Geographic Area Multi-Coordinating Group (GMAC) approval. An IMT that is not available for a National assignment will be listed as unavailable on the national rotation list.

E. Within Round 1 of the national rotation, once a Type 1 IMT has been committed to an incident, either internally or nationally, it will remain ineligible for a National assignment until all Type 1 IMTs have had an assignment. Once all Type 1 IMTs have had an assignment within Round 1, the national rotation will begin Round 2, following the same procedures that applied in Round 1.

A committed Type 1 IMT that is reassigned to additional incidents prior to being demobilized to home unit will be counted as a single assignment within the round that the team was mobilized.

F. Type 1 IMTs that are mobilized but do not actually receive an incident or staging assignment within 48 hours will remain eligible for National assignments in the current round of the National rotation.

G. All assignments, internal or national, count as experience.

H. Once a Type 1 IMT, mobilized from the National rotation is staged by NICC, that team will be prioritized and assigned when a Geographic Area requires a replacement team. Once a team has been staged by a Geographic Area, the team will be prioritized and assigned to any new incident within that Area, or when a replacement team is needed within the Area. If NICC receives another Type 1 IMT request, the first eligible Type 1 IMT in National rotation will be ordered.

I. The Geographic Area will coordinate with NICC before reassigning an out-of-area Type 1 IMT to another incident.

J. Geographic Areas with only one (1) Type 1 IMT may stand the team down for rest after coordination with NICC.

K. The National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) retains the authority to adjust the National rotation when necessary to achieve team experience objectives or for other reasons.

L. During National Preparedness Level 4-5, or when 50% or more of the Type 1 IMTs are assigned, the NMAC will manage all team assignments.

M. Teams mobilized in the previous calendar year and whose assignment extends into the new calendar year will not be shown as assigned in the new calendar year.

The National rotation and current assignment history for the Type 1 IMTs is maintained throughout the calendar year at web site:

http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/teams/imt_rotate.pdf

63.2 National Area Command Teams

There are four (4) National Area Command Teams. All requests for Area Command Teams will be placed through established ordering channels to NICC.

63.2.1 National Area Command Team Configuration

National Area Command Teams are comprised of six (6) positions: four (4) specific and two (2) trainees identified by the Area Commander. The Area Commander position may only be filled by a current agency employee.

ACDR	Area Commander
ACPC	Assistant Area Commander, Planning
ACLC	Assistant Area Commander, Logistics
ACAC	Area Command Aviation Coordinator
	Area Command trainees (2 each)

63.2.2 National Area Command Team Rotation Process

A. National Area Command Teams remain on-call for a maximum of fourteen (14) days.

B. At the time (clock hour and day of the week) a Area Command Team from National rotation is requested, the next eligible Area Command Team in rotation will be notified and placed in two (2) hour call status and will remain in call status for the next 14 days. The next two (2) National Area Command Teams in National rotation will also be notified of the schedule change. An Area Command Team that is not available when ordered by NICC will not be considered until the designated slot rotates into position again.

C. Teams that receive an assignment will be out of the National rotation until all Area Command Teams have had an assignment.

The national rotation and current assignment history for the Area Command Teams is maintained throughout the calendar year at web site: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/teams/area_rotate.pdf.

63.3 Wildland Fire Management Teams (WFMTs)

There are eight (8) Interagency WFMTs. The teams are located within the following Geographic Areas:

Northern Rockies	1	Eastern	1
Rocky Mountain	1	Southwest	1
Northwest	1	California	1
Great Basin	2		

If needed, Geographic Areas may temporarily configure additional WFMTs from existing Type 2 Incident Management Teams.

63.3.1 WFMTs Configuration

WFMTs will consist of the following qualified positions:

ICT2	Incident Commander Type 2
SOF2	Safety Officer Type 2
PIO2	Public Information Officer Type 2
OSC2	Operations Section Chief Type 2
PSC2	Planning Section Chief Type 2
LSC2	Logistics Section Chief Type2
LTAN	Long Term Fire Behavior Analyst

In addition to the above, three positions may be added with concurrence of ordering unit. At least one (1) member of each WFMT will be qualified as a Strategic Operational Planner.

63.3.2 WFMT Rotation Process

The seasonal availability for Interagency Wildland Fire Management Teams will commence at 0001 on May 15th and run through 2400 on September 15th.

- A. WFMTs remain on-call for a maximum of seven (7) days.
- B. At the time (clock hour and day of the week) a WFMT from National rotation is requested, the next eligible WFMT in rotation will be notified and placed in two (2) hour call status and will remain in call status for the next seven (7) days. The next two (2) WFMTs in National rotation will also be notified of the

schedule change. Geographic Areas unable to provide a WFMT when ordered for a National assignment will be listed as unavailable on the National WFMT Rotation List and not be considered until the designated slot rotates into position again.

C. Geographic Areas with more than one (1) Interagency WFMT may decide which “eligible” team responds to a National call. Geographic Areas must pass if no “eligible” WFMT can meet the two-hour call.

D. Geographic Areas with more than one (1) Interagency WFMT may commit more than one (1) internally at the same time prior to going to the National rotation.

E. Once a WFMT, mobilized from the National WFMT Rotation is staged, the Geographic Area can commit that team to any fire in within the Geographic Area. If NICC receives another WFMT request, the first eligible WFMT in National rotation will be ordered.

F. The Geographic Area will coordinate with NICC before reassigning an out-of-area WFMT to another incident.

G. Geographic Areas with only one (1) WFMT may stand the team down for rest after coordination with NICC.

H. The National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) retains the authority to adjust the National rotation when necessary to achieve team experience objectives or for other reasons.

I. During National Preparedness Level 4-5, or when 50% or more of the WFMTs are assigned, the NMAC will manage all team assignments.

J. The Interagency Fuels Committee Representative is responsible for briefing the NMAC to assure the national prioritization and that critical reserve needs can be met.

The National rotation and current assignment history for the WFMTs is maintained seasonally, from the first Tuesday in April through the last Monday in October at web site:

http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/teams/WFMT_rotate.pdf

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64 Incident Support Teams

Teams will be ordered using an Overhead Group request in ROSS, with the exception of Aviation Safety Assistance Teams.

64.1 National Interagency Buying Teams (BUYTs)

There are eleven (11) National Interagency Buying Teams. The teams are dispersed as follows.

Northern Rockies	1
Rocky Basin	1
Eastern	1
Southwest	2
California	2
Northwest	2
Southern	1
Alaska	1

64.1.1 BUYT Configuration

National Interagency BUYTs are comprised of a leader and six team members. One of the six members may be assigned as an assistant or deputy leader. In addition to the seven-member team, personnel from the incident host agency or alternate buying team members may be added as needed, to supplement the primary team. One (1) member of the team must be a Contracting Officer.

National Interagency BUYTs will consist of the following positions:

- A. Three (3) qualified procurement personnel.
- B. Three (3) personnel support positions.
- C. One (1) procurement or leader trainee.

64.1.2 BUYTs Rotation Process

- A. BUYTs will remain on-call for a maximum fourteen (14) days.
- B. At the time (clock hour and day of week) a BUYT from the BUYT Rotation list is requested, the next eligible BUYT in rotation will be notified and will remain in call status for the next fourteen (14) day period. The next two (2) BUYTs in rotation will also be notified of the schedule change. Geographic Areas unable to provide a BUYT when ordered for a National assignment will be listed as unavailable on the BUYT Rotation and will not be

considered until the designated Geographic Area slot rotates into position again.

C. Geographic Areas with more than one (1) BUYT may decide which “eligible” team responds to a National call. Geographic Areas must pass if no “eligible” BUYT can meet the 24-hour call.

D. BUYTs will be considered unavailable for a National assignment if more than one (1) procurement position is to be filled with a substitute.

E. The National Interagency Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) retains the authority to adjust the BUYT Rotation list when necessary to achieve team experience objectives or for other reasons.

The National rotation and current assignment history can be found at the following web site:

http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/teams/buy_rotate.pdf.

64.2 Administrative Payment Teams (APTs)

There are three (3) National Park Service Administrative Payment Teams.

64.2.1 Administrative Payment Teams Configuration

National Park Service APTs consist of the following positions:

- A. One (1) Team Leader.
- B. One (1) Contracting Officer.
- C. Two (2) Administrative Assistants.

Actual team composition will be determined by the Team Leader and the ordering unit’s administrative staff.

64.2.2 National Administrative Payment Team Schedule Process

- A. Administrative Payment Teams will remain on-call for a maximum fourteen (14) days.
- B. The schedule will change on alternate Tuesdays, at 2400 Mountain Time.

Team 1: 01/28/2009 – 02/10/2009
 03/11/2009 – 03/24/2009
 04/22/2009 – 05/05/2009
 06/03/2009 – 06/16/2009
 07/15/2009 – 07/28/2009
 08/26/2009 – 09/08/2009
 10/07/2009 – 10/20/2009
 11/18/2009 – 12/01/2009
 12/30/2009 – 01/12/2010

Team 2: 12/31/2008 – 01/13/2009
 02/11/2009 – 02/24/2009
 03/25/2009 – 04/07/2009
 05/06/2009 – 05/19/2009
 06/17/2009 – 06/30/2009
 07/29/2009 – 08/11/2009
 09/09/2009 – 09/22/2009
 10/21/2009 – 11/03/2009
 12/02/2009 – 12/15/2009
 01/12/2010 – 01/25/2010

Team 3: 01/14/2009 – 01/27/2009
 02/25/2009 – 03/10/2009
 04/08/2009 – 04/21/2009
 05/20/2009 -- 06/02/2009
 07/01/2009 – 07/14/2009
 08/12/2009 – 08/25/2009
 09/23/2009 – 10/06/2009
 11/04/2009 – 11/17/2009
 12/16/2009 – 12/29/2009

Team 1: Rose Pollard TX-LAP SWCC, Albuquerque, NM
 (505) 842-3473

Team 2: Debra Ledford SC-KMP SACC, Atlanta, GA
 (678) 320-3000

Team 3: Chuck Shoemake AR-FSP SACC, Atlanta, GA
 (678) 320-3000

The NPS APT contingency plan includes an alternate team leader who will put together a fourth team if needed.

Alternate Team Leader:

Connie Dworak AK-AOP AICC, Fort Wainwright, AK
 907-356-5600

64.3 Burned Area Emergency Response Team (BAER)

The Department of the Interior (DOI) maintains two (2) National BAER Teams to assist field units plan for immediate post wildland fire site stabilization. BAER Teams are dispatched to only the most complex BAER incidents involving risks to human life and critical Federal assets. Potential floods, mud and debris flows, watershed/municipal water supplies, urban interface, and complex and multiple jurisdictions are the dispatch prioritization criteria issues factored into the mobilization decision.

Less complex incidents will use regional/state/local ad hoc BAER teams.

64.3.1 DOI Interagency Burned Area Emergency Response Team Configuration

The initial callout of the DOI BAER Team will consist of no more than 13 positions:

- A. One (1) BAER Team Leader
- B. One (1) Deputy BAER Team Leader
- C. One (1) BAER Environmental Specialist
- D. One (1) BAER Documentation Specialist
- E. Two (2) BAER Geographic Information Specialist (GIS)
- F. One (1) BAER Hydrologist
- G. One (1) BAER Soil Scientist
- H. One (1) BAER Geologist
- I. One (1) BAER Biologist
- J. One (1) BAER Forester
- K. One (1) BAER Cultural Resource Specialist
- L. One (1) BAER Botanist

64.3.2 DOI Burned Area Emergency Response Team Mobilization Process

During National Preparedness Levels 1-3, the ordering unit's agency administrator will coordinate any potential BAER Team assignment through the agency Regional/State BAER Coordinators with the concurrence of the agency National BAER Coordinator and National Interagency BAER Team Leader.

During National Preparedness Levels 4-5, BAER Team assignments will be coordinated through the BAER Coordinators with the concurrence of the National Multi-Agency Coordination Group (NMAC).

NICC will notify the National BAER Coordinator-in-charge for any National BAER Team call-out (in order of contact):

Rich Schwab (National Coordinator)	NPS	208-387-5642
Tom Branson	BIA	208-387-5639
Erik Christiansen	FWS	208-387-5596
Dave Repass	BLM	202-452-0357
Erv Gasser (National BAER Team Leader)	NPS	206-220-4263

64.4 National Fire Prevention Education Teams (NFPETs)

Requests for National Fire Prevention and Education Teams will be placed through established ordering channels using an Overhead Group Request.

64.4.1 NFPET Configuration

The minimum mobilization will be one (1) Team Leader and two (2) team members, consisting of the following positions:

- A. PETL – Fire Prevention Education Team Leader
- B. PETM – Fire Prevention Education Team Member
- C. PIO1 – Public Information Officer Type 1 or,
PIO2 – Public Information Officer Type 2 or,
THSP – Public Affairs (agency employee only)

Additional positions that can be utilized include:

PETL (T) – Fire Prevention Education Team Leader, Trainee
 PETM (T) – Fire Prevention Education Team Member, Trainee
 PREV – Fire Prevention Technician
 PEOF – Public Information Officer

Actual team composition will be determined by the team leader and the ordering unit on a case-by-case basis dependent upon the needs of the assignment.

64.4.2 NFPET Coordinators

California	Mary Loan 760-873-2580	Bishop, CA
Great Basin	Dean Burnham 307-886-5332	Afton, WY

Northern Rockies:	Cathy Scofield 406-329-3409	Missoula, MT
Rocky Mountain	Sheryl Page 719-553-1638	Pueblo, CO
Southwest	Richard Nieto 505-842-3418	Albuquerque, NM
Northwest	Jeree Mills 503-668-1664 503-808-2764	Sandy, OR
Southern:	Danny Bryant 404-347-7626	Atlanta, GA
Eastern:	Maureen Brooks 610-557-4146	Newtown Square, PA
National:	Helene Cleveland 202-205-1488	Washington D. C.

64.4.3 NFPET Schedule Process

A. NFPETs will remain on call for a maximum fourteen (14) days.

B. The schedule will change on alternate Tuesdays, at 2400 Mountain Time.

C. The availability for National Fire Prevention Education Teams will commence at 0001 MST on the last Tuesday in February and runs through 2400 on the third Monday in December.

D. For 2009, the following schedule will be utilized to fill requests. Request should be made through the GACC of the Area identified for the requested time period. During an Area’s on-call period, if all of the Area’s available teams have been mobilized and dispatched, the NFPET Geographic Area Coordinator will work with the GACC to fill additional team orders following the process outlined in the NFPET 2009 Operating Plan.

California:	24 Feb - 9 Mar 24 Mar - 6 Apr
Northern Rockies:	7 Apr - 20 Apr 6 Oct - 19 Oct 1 Dec - 14 Dec

Rocky Mountain:	5 May - 18 May 8 Sep - 22 Sep
Great Basin:	10 Mar - 23 Mar 2 Jun - 15 Jun 23 Sep - 5 Oct
Northwest:	19 May - 1 Jun 20 Oct - 2 Nov 17 Nov - 30 Nov
Southern:	21 Apr - 4 May 28 Jul - 10 Aug 25 Aug - 7 Sep 3 Nov - 16 Nov
Eastern:	16 Jun - 29 Jun 14 Jul - 27 Jul 11 Aug - 24 Aug

64.5 Wildland Fire and Aviation Safety Teams (FAST)

FASTs assist agency administrators during periods of high fire activity by assessing policy, rules, regulations, and management oversight relating to operational issues.

64.5.1 FAST Configuration

FASTs include a Team Leader, who is either an Agency Administrator or Fire Program Lead with previous experience as a FAST member; a Safety and Health Manager; and other members with a mix of skills from Fire and Aviation Management.

64.5.2 FAST Mobilization Process

FASTs are requested through established ordering channels to the GACCs, for reviews at the local, State/Regional or Geographic Area level. If a more comprehensive review is required, a National FAST can be ordered through NICC. FASTs are ordered using an Overhead Group request.

64.6 Aviation Safety Assistance Team (ASAT)

ASATs assist and review helicopter and/or fixed wing operations on wildland fires. During high levels of aviation activity, it is advisable to request an ASAT.

64.6.1 ASAT Configuration

The following configuration, or a similar combination of positions based upon the needs of the ordering unit, will be used when ordering an ASAT.

- A. THSP – Aviation Safety Manager
- B. THSP – Operations Specialist (helicopter and/or fixed wing)
- C. THSP – Pilot Inspector
- D. THSP – Maintenance Inspector (optional)
- E. THSP – Avionics Maintenance Inspector (optional)

64.6.2 ASAT Mobilization Process

ASAT members are requested through established ordering channels to the GACC.