

Handout 10 - 2

Lesson Plan 12 Group Exercise—Recommendations

Your group will review the following recommendations that have come from past fire-related serious accident investigation reports. From the knowledge that you have gained from this course section, please determine if recommendation is appropriate and state what improvements could be made (if any) to make the recommendation stronger.

1. Suppression personnel must be persistent and assertive in identifying the Incident Commander.
2. Clearly define supervisory roles and responsibilities to new and acting supervisors.
3. Ensure integrity and quality control is maintained.
4. The current wildland fire fighting culture does not cultivate an environment where reporting of errors is encouraged. Important lessons for the firefighting community may be lost and even lead to fatalities without the benefit of those lessons. There must be a concerted effort within the fire community to move away from the stigma associated with entrapment/deployments. People who report should not be castigated because they report. All firefighter actions should be subject to review and analysis without an inappropriate fear of punishment.
5. Engines must be equipped to distribute water around the entire vehicle for protection in emergencies. Engines must retain enough water in the tank at all times to provide protection in an emergency.
6. The agency needs to define non-entrapment accident investigation processes and include them in “Standards for Fire Operations”.