Risk Management Process

Step 1 Situation Awareness

Gather Information

- Objective(s)
- Previous Fire Behavior
- Communication
- Weather Forecast
- Who’s in Charge
- Local Factors

Scout the Fire

Step 2 Hazard Assessment

Estimate Potential Fire Behavior Hazards

- Look up/Down/Around Indicators

Identify Tactical Hazards

- Watch Outs

What other safety hazards exist?

Consider severity vs. probability?

Step 3 Hazard Control

Fire Orders \(\rightarrow\) LCES Checklist – MANDATORY

- Anchor Point
- Downhill Checklist (if applicable)

What other controls are necessary?

Step 4 Decision Point

Are controls in place for identified hazards?

- NO - Reassess situation
- YES - Next question

Are selected tactics based on expected fire behavior?

- NO - Reassess situation
- YES - Next question

Have instructions been given and understood?

- NO - Reassess situation
- YES - Initiate action

Step 5 Evaluate

Personnel: Low experience level with local factors?

- Distracted from primary tasks?
- Fatigue or stress reaction?
- Hazardous attitude?

The Situation: What is changing?

- Are strategy and tactics working?