

**National Interagency Coordination Center**  
**Incident Management Situation Report**  
**Friday, September 29, 2017 – 0530 MT**  
**National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

|                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Initial attack activity:      | Light (70) new fires |
| New large incidents:          | 2                    |
| Large fires contained:        | 0                    |
| Uncontained large fires:**    | 12                   |
| Area Command teams committed: | 0                    |
| NIMOs committed:              | 0                    |
| Type 1 IMTs committed:        | 2                    |
| Type 2 IMTs committed:        | 9                    |

\*\*Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

| Active Incident Resource Summary |           |                  |            |            |             |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| GACC                             | Fires     | Cumulative Acres | Crews      | Engines    | Helicopters | Total Personnel |
| AICC                             | 0         | 0                | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0               |
| NWCC                             | 18        | 739,086          | 45         | 73         | 19          | 2,733           |
| ONCC                             | 11        | 319,310          | 65         | 100        | 16          | 2,408           |
| OSCC                             | 5         | 46,110           | 41         | 130        | 1           | 1,717           |
| NRCC                             | 13        | 399,299          | 7          | 35         | 3           | 616             |
| GBCC                             | 2         | 11,387           | 3          | 2          | 1           | 81              |
| SWCC                             | 5         | 5,503            | 6          | 2          | 4           | 183             |
| RMCC                             | 3         | 10,725           | 0          | 0          | 0           | 6               |
| EACC                             | 0         | 0                | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0               |
| SACC                             | 3         | 961              | 0          | 2          | 0           | 10              |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>60</b> | <b>1,532,383</b> | <b>167</b> | <b>344</b> | <b>44</b>   | <b>7,754</b>    |

**Northwest Area (PL 3)**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| New fires:               | 5 |
| New large incidents:     | 0 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 9 |
| Type 1 IMTs committed:   | 1 |
| Type 2 IMTs committed:   | 5 |

**Eagle Creek**, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. IMT 2 (Harrod). One mile south of Cascade Locks, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Chetco Bar**, Rogue River - Siskiyou NF. IMT 1 (Schulte). Sixteen miles west of Selma, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**High Cascades Complex**, (5 fires), Rogue River - Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Roide) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Nine miles northeast of Prospect, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Jones**, Willamette NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Knerr) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. IMT is also managing the Kelsey Creek fire. Ten miles northeast of Lowell, OR. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Kelsey Creek**, Willamette NF. Eleven miles east of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

**Umpqua North Complex**, (6 fires), Umpqua NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Rohrer) back to the local unit will occur today. Fifty miles east of Roseburg, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Desolation**, Ochoco NF. Twenty miles northeast of Prineville, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

| Incident Name         | Unit   | Size    |      | %  | Ctn/ Comp | Est   | Personnel |      | Resources |     |      | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|------|----|-----------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
|                       |        | Acres   | Chge |    |           |       | Total     | Chge | Crw       | Eng | Heli |           |          |            |
| Eagle Creek           | OR-CGF | 48,831  | 258  | 46 | Ctn       | 11/30 | 193       | -3   | 3         | 5   | 1    | 4         | 16.3M    | FS         |
| Chetco Bar            | OR-RSF | 191,090 | 2    | 97 | Ctn       | 10/15 | 465       | -76  | 5         | 14  | 6    | 30        | 65.7M    | FS         |
| High Cascades Complex | OR-RSF | 80,152  | 0    | 32 | Comp      | 10/15 | 497       | -107 | 9         | 9   | 4    | 1         | 63.3M    | FS         |
| Jones                 | OR-WIF | 10,114  | -106 | 80 | Ctn       | 10/14 | 188       | -40  | 4         | 5   | 2    | 1         | 20.7M    | FS         |
| Kelsey Creek          | OR-WIF | 441     | 0    | 50 | Comp      | 10/31 | 114       | 3    | 2         | 0   | 1    | 0         | 2.3M     | FS         |
| Umpqua North Complex  | OR-UPF | 43,158  | 18   | 79 | Comp      | 10/30 | 216       | -26  | 2         | 7   | 1    | 1         | 39.7M    | FS         |
| Desolation            | OR-OCF | 4,512   | 0    | 30 | Ctn       | 10/14 | 14        | 0    | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 1.3M     | FS         |

### Southern Area (PL 5)

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| New fires:               | 19 |
| New large incidents:     | 1  |
| Uncontained large fires: | 0  |
| Type 2 IMTs Committed:   | 2  |

**Hurricane Maria Puerto Rico**, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). IMT 2 (Zombro) has mobilized to Puerto Rico and are coordinating with other agencies to plan and prioritize emergency road clearing.

**Hurricane Harvey**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Hanneman) has mobilized to College Station, TX to support recovery and mitigation efforts, surveying impacts on local fire departments and distributing donated fire equipment.

| Incident Name               | Unit   | Size  |      | %   | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel |      | Resources |     |      | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
|                             |        | Acres | Chge |     |           |     | Total     | Chge | Crw       | Eng | Heli |           |          |            |
| Hurricane Maria Puerto Rico | PR-FEM | N/A   | ---  | N/A | N/A       | --- | 75        | ---  | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | FEM        |
| Hurricane Harvey            | TX-TXS | N/A   | ---  | N/A | N/A       | --- | 74        | 0    | 11        | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |

### Southern California Area (PL 3)

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| New fires:               | 13 |
| New large incidents:     | 0  |
| Uncontained large fires: | 1  |
| Type 1 IMTs committed:   | 1  |

**Canyon**, Orange County Fire Department. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Estes). Five miles southwest of Corona, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

| Incident Name | Unit   | Size  |      | %<br>Acres | Ctn/<br>Comp | Est   | Personnel |      | Resources |     |      | Strc<br>Lost | \$\$<br>CTD | Origin<br>Own |
|---------------|--------|-------|------|------------|--------------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|               |        | Acres | Chge |            |              |       | Total     | Chge | Crw       | Eng | Heli |              |             |               |
| Canyon        | CA-ORC | 2,662 | 662  | 60         | Ctn          | 10/01 | 1,453     | -457 | 33        | 125 | 0    | 0            | 7.6M        | C&L           |

### Northern California Area (PL 3)

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| New fires:               | 10 |
| New large incidents:     | 1  |
| Uncontained large fires: | 1  |
| Type 2 IMTs committed:   | 1  |

**CA-KNF-006098 Complex**, (3 fires). Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Fogle). Ten miles northwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Buck**, Shasta – Trinity NF. Previously reported incident. Eleven miles southwest of Platina, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking and single-tree torching. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Soda**, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Fourteen miles northeast of Forest Ranch, CA. Timber litter and understory. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting.

| Incident Name         | Unit   | Size      |       | %<br>Acres | Ctn/<br>Comp | Est   | Personnel |      | Resources |     |      | Strc<br>Lost | \$\$<br>CTD | Origin<br>Own |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------|-------|------------|--------------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|                       |        | Acres     | Chge  |            |              |       | Total     | Chge | Crw       | Eng | Heli |              |             |               |
| CA-KNF-006098 Complex | CA-KNF | 78,698 .4 | 0     | 51         | Comp         | 10/10 | 318       | 1    | 5         | 11  | 2    | 0            | 44.5M       | FS            |
| Buck                  | CA-SHF | 7,400     | 1,200 | 30         | Comp         | 10/15 | 448       | ---  | 11        | 22  | 3    | 0            | 4.1M        | FS            |
| * Soda                | CA-BTU | 112       | ---   | 5          | Ctn          | UNK   | 456       | ---  | 11        | 24  | 4    | 0            | 200K        | ST            |

### Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| New fires:               | 2 |
| New large incidents:     | 0 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 0 |
| Type 2 IMTs committed:   | 1 |

**Rice Ridge**, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Hutton). Six miles north of Seeley Lake, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

| Incident Name | Unit   | Size    |      | %<br>Acres | Ctn/<br>Comp | Est   | Personnel |      | Resources |     |      | Strc<br>Lost | \$\$<br>CTD | Origin<br>Own |
|---------------|--------|---------|------|------------|--------------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|               |        | Acres   | Chge |            |              |       | Total     | Chge | Crw       | Eng | Heli |              |             |               |
| Rice Ridge    | MT-LNF | 160,187 | 6    | 86         | Comp         | 10/15 | 226       | -15  | 3         | 8   | 0    | 1            | 48.2M       | FS            |

**Great Basin Area (PL 1)**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| New fires:               | 3 |
| New large incidents:     | 1 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 1 |

\* **Advent Gulch**, Payette NF. Ten miles northwest of Cambridge, ID. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with smoldering and isolated single-tree torching. Residences threatened.

| Incident Name  | Unit   | Size  |      | %<br>Acres | Ctn/<br>Comp | Est  | Personnel |      | Resources |     |      | Strc<br>Lost | \$\$<br>CTD | Origin<br>Own |
|----------------|--------|-------|------|------------|--------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|                |        | Acres | Chge |            |              |      | Total     | Chge | Crw       | Eng | Heli |              |             |               |
| * Advent Gulch | ID-PAF | 320   | ---  | 40         | Ctn          | 9/30 | 80        | ---  | 3         | 2   | 1    | 0            | 200K        | FS            |

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

| Area                     |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska Area              | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2     | 0    | 2     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| Northwest Area           | FIREs | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 2     | 1    | 5     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 26  | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1    | 27    |
| Northern California Area | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 10    | 0    | 10    |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     | 100  | 101   |
| Southern California Area | FIREs | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 11    | 1    | 13    |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 15    | 400  | 415   |
| Northern Rockies Area    | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     | 1    | 2     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0     |
| Great Basin Area         | FIREs | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 1     | 0    | 3     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 8     | 0    | 8     |
| Southwest Area           | FIREs | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 12   | 16    |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 6    | 6     |
| Rocky Mountain Area      | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0     |
| Eastern Area             | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0     |
| Southern Area            | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 19    | 0    | 19    |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 21    | 0    | 21    |
| <b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>      |       | 4   | 5   | 0   | 0   | 46    | 15   | 70    |
| <b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>      |       | 0   | 26  | 0   | 0   | 46    | 507  | 579   |

**Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):**

| Area                     |       | BIA            | BLM              | FWS            | NPS           | ST/OT            | USFS             | TOTAL            |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Alaska Area              | FIREs | 0              | 171              | 0              | 0             | 176              | 13               | <b>360</b>       |
|                          | ACRES | 0              | 571,516          | 0              | 0             | 81,348           | 1                | <b>652,865</b>   |
| Northwest Area           | FIREs | 185            | 229              | 37             | 28            | 1,450            | 1,279            | <b>3,208</b>     |
|                          | ACRES | 11,915         | 213,073          | 20,980         | 5,358         | 38,680           | 499,772          | <b>789,778</b>   |
| Northern California Area | FIREs | 80             | 74               | 5              | 16            | 2,583            | 894              | <b>3,652</b>     |
|                          | ACRES | 118            | 39,891           | 70             | 38            | 36,439           | 331,575          | <b>408,131</b>   |
| Southern California Area | FIREs | 162            | 69               | 2              | 44            | 3,324            | 463              | <b>4,064</b>     |
|                          | ACRES | 641            | 36,532           | 0              | 10,992        | 215,745          | 95,654           | <b>359,564</b>   |
| Northern Rockies Area    | FIREs | 648            | 97               | 19             | 29            | 1,558            | 685              | <b>3,036</b>     |
|                          | ACRES | 57,339         | 377,312          | 1,223          | 21,286        | 237,872          | 724,099          | <b>1,419,131</b> |
| Great Basin Area         | FIREs | 36             | 1,014            | 4              | 37            | 889              | 446              | <b>2,426</b>     |
|                          | ACRES | 56,329         | 1,235,754        | 2              | 38            | 473,361          | 216,041          | <b>1,981,525</b> |
| Southwest Area           | FIREs | 716            | 232              | 17             | 42            | 694              | 988              | <b>2,689</b>     |
|                          | ACRES | 46,667         | 23,398           | 1,027          | 1,389         | 114,106          | 358,887          | <b>545,474</b>   |
| Rocky Mountain Area      | FIREs | 717            | 345              | 8              | 24            | 990              | 389              | <b>2,473</b>     |
|                          | ACRES | 9,957          | 53,945           | 354            | 259           | 562,818          | 13,513           | <b>640,846</b>   |
| Eastern Area             | FIREs | 344            | 0                | 13             | 14            | 3,368            | 302              | <b>4,041</b>     |
|                          | ACRES | 696            | 0                | 19             | 129           | 17,014           | 3,100            | <b>20,958</b>    |
| Southern Area            | FIREs | 303            | 471              | 47             | 27            | 22,183           | 382              | <b>23,413</b>    |
|                          | ACRES | 43,463         | 6,536            | 154,024        | 54,654        | 1,347,367        | 26,198           | <b>1,632,242</b> |
| <b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>      |       | <b>3,191</b>   | <b>2,702</b>     | <b>152</b>     | <b>261</b>    | <b>37,215</b>    | <b>5,841</b>     | <b>49,362</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>      |       | <b>227,125</b> | <b>2,557,957</b> | <b>177,699</b> | <b>94,143</b> | <b>3,124,750</b> | <b>2,268,840</b> | <b>8,450,514</b> |

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <b>Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b> | <b>54,882</b>    |
| <b>Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b> | <b>5,896,398</b> |

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):**

| Area                     |       | BIA | BLM   | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS  | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Alaska Area              | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Northwest Area           | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 1   | 1   | 2     | 8     | 12    |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 1   | 1   | 10    | 1,131 | 1,143 |
| Northern California Area | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 0   | 1   | 0     | 1     | 2     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 0   | 107 | 0     | 97    | 204   |
| Southern California Area | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1     | 1     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 0   | 66  | 0     | 7     | 73    |
| Northern Rockies Area    | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1     | 1     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Great Basin Area         | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1     | 1     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 3,000 | 0   | 0   | 0     | 97    | 3,097 |
| Southwest Area           | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Rocky Mountain Area      | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Eastern Area             | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 2     | 2     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 163   | 163   |
| Southern Area            | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 19    | 2     | 21    |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 813   | 60    | 873   |
| <b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>      |       | 0   | 0     | 1   | 2   | 21    | 16    | 40    |
| <b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>      |       | 0   | 3,000 | 1   | 174 | 823   | 1,555 | 5,553 |

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):**

| Area                     |       | BIA           | BLM           | FWS            | NPS            | ST/OT            | USFS           | TOTAL            |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Alaska Area              | FIREs | 0             | 0             | 0              | 0              | 6                | 2              | 8                |
|                          | ACRES | 0             | 0             | 0              | 0              | 64,850           | 100            | 64,950           |
| Northwest Area           | FIREs | 7             | 11            | 8              | 2              | 2                | 80             | 110              |
|                          | ACRES | 1,799         | 1,336         | 5,147          | 39             | 10               | 12,505         | 20,836           |
| Northern California Area | FIREs | 1             | 5             | 6              | 12             | 0                | 91             | 115              |
|                          | ACRES | 20            | 654           | 239            | 365            | 0                | 9,940          | 11,218           |
| Southern California Area | FIREs | 0             | 3             | 5              | 5              | 0                | 153            | 166              |
|                          | ACRES | 0             | 62            | 464            | 768            | 0                | 4,259          | 5,553            |
| Northern Rockies Area    | FIREs | 6             | 13            | 42             | 6              | 11               | 96             | 174              |
|                          | ACRES | 462           | 3,820         | 18,690         | 752            | 514              | 6,428          | 30,666           |
| Great Basin Area         | FIREs | 3             | 18            | 5              | 8              | 30               | 72             | 136              |
|                          | ACRES | 27            | 4,928         | 933            | 3,113          | 799              | 13,224         | 23,024           |
| Southwest Area           | FIREs | 22            | 33            | 4              | 5              | 5                | 135            | 204              |
|                          | ACRES | 3,791         | 46,871        | 4,952          | 1,639          | 6,105            | 71,650         | 135,008          |
| Rocky Mountain Area      | FIREs | 25            | 34            | 37             | 10             | 81               | 94             | 281              |
|                          | ACRES | 1,116         | 2,963         | 18,305         | 2,370          | 3,279            | 38,389         | 66,422           |
| Eastern Area             | FIREs | 51            | 0             | 170            | 22             | 1,264            | 184            | 1,691            |
|                          | ACRES | 26,679        | 0             | 26,117         | 6,148          | 96,872           | 65,227         | 221,043          |
| Southern Area            | FIREs | 48            | 0             | 123            | 28             | 65,963           | 683            | 66,845           |
|                          | ACRES | 6,894         | 0             | 94,960         | 133,644        | 1,529,857        | 641,990        | 2,407,345        |
| <b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>      |       | <b>163</b>    | <b>117</b>    | <b>400</b>     | <b>98</b>      | <b>67,362</b>    | <b>1,590</b>   | <b>69,730</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>      |       | <b>40,788</b> | <b>60,634</b> | <b>169,807</b> | <b>148,838</b> | <b>1,702,286</b> | <b>863,712</b> | <b>2,986,065</b> |

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.

\*\*\*Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A wet cold front will move into the Pacific Northwest bringing rain showers to Washington, Oregon, and Northern California. Ahead of the front, the weak low pressure area that was over the Great Basin will move north into Montana and will spread showers across the south central portion of the state and also across the entirety of Wyoming. The central and southern Great Plains will remain wet as the plume of tropical moisture lingers. Meanwhile most of the Great Basin and the lower two thirds of California will remain warm and dry under a westerly flow pattern. In the East, a breezy and cool northwesterly flow will develop in the wake of the previous day's frontal passage. Dry conditions are expected in most areas except possibly New England.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



## ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE

*Operational Engagement Category*

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

- If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:
- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.
- Are you relying on aircraft for support operation? Any operation, especially frontal assault, should not need air resources to be safe.

In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

References:

Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations

Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.