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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Groups (GACCs), Geographic Area Coordination Centers, Dispatch Center Managers, and Incident Management Organizations

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Subject: Implementation and Utilization of the Non-Fire Module (NMOD) IROC Catalog Item

This memorandum provides national direction for the implementation and use of the Non-Fire Module (NMOD) catalog item within the Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC). The NMOD resource is intended to improve ordering clarity, reduce dispatch confusion, and facilitate the mobilization of non-wildland fire resources through established interagency dispatch processes.

The National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC), with oversight from NMAC, maintains the National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization (NISRM), including resource ordering guidance and standards. This direction is effective immediately and will be incorporated into future revisions of the NISRM.

Background

Interagency dispatch organizations routinely support incidents and events outside traditional wildland fire operations, including natural disasters, animal disease outbreaks, public health emergencies, and other agency-specific response activities. Existing module designators such as SMOD and FUMD do not consistently convey the intended purpose of these non-fire resources.

The NMOD catalog item establishes a distinct overhead group resource for non-wildland fire incident response activities where an existing catalog resource does not adequately describe the capability being ordered.

Examples of NMOD use include, but are not limited to:

- Veterinary response teams
- Entomological response teams
- Public health support teams
- Infrastructure assessment teams
- Natural and cultural resource technical specialist teams
- Emergency support and coordination teams
- Agency-specific incident response teams



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Policy and Direction

Dispatch centers and ordering units shall utilize the NMOD resource in accordance with the following business rules:

Ordering and Utilization

1. NMODs shall be ordered using an Overhead Group Request.
2. NMODs shall only be utilized when an existing catalog resource, team, crew, or module does not adequately describe the capability being requested.
3. NMODs are intended for non-wildland fire incidents and activities.
4. NMOD requests shall be filled through established dispatch ordering channels.
5. NMOD resources will be rostered with an identified leader. The leader's host dispatch center is responsible for establishing and maintaining the resource item group using approved NMOD naming conventions and generating module member requests as identified by the leader.
6. NMOD requests should normally be filled through Name Request procedures to ensure the ordered personnel possess the specialized expertise, certifications, licenses, or qualifications required to accomplish the assigned mission.
7. Prior coordination between the ordering unit and the anticipated sending unit should occur before placement of the resource order.
8. The ordering unit shall identify within the resource order:
 - o Standard order information;
 - o Required technical expertise;
 - o Desired staffing configuration; and
 - o Any required licenses, certifications, qualifications, or specialized experience.
9. NMODs shall not be utilized as a substitute for established Incident Management Teams, crews, engines, dispatch organizations, or other standard resource types when those resources adequately meet the operational need.

Configuration Standards

1. Every NMOD shall have one identified leader.
2. NMODs shall consist of a minimum of two personnel and shall not exceed sixteen personnel.
3. All personnel assigned to an NMOD shall, at a minimum, be qualified as a Technical Specialist (THSP) under the applicable qualification standard. Additional qualifications, certifications, licenses, or specialized experience may be required by the ordering unit or sponsoring agency based on mission requirements. Requirements for module leadership and supervision are outlined below.
4. NMOD personnel may consist entirely of technical specialists.
5. NMOD configurations may be tailored to meet incident-specific requirements provided they remain within established staffing limits.

Leader Requirements



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Each NMOD shall have an identified leader designated by the sponsoring agency or sending unit.

The module leader is responsible for:

- Personnel accountability
- Safety oversight
- Coordination with incident supervision
- Resource status reporting
- Timekeeping and administrative coordination
- Ensuring assigned objectives are accomplished

Whenever practical, the designated leader should hold a qualification that demonstrates experience leading personnel within an incident management environment. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- NWCG Single Resource Boss positions;
- DOI Incident Position Qualification Guide (IPQG) leadership positions, such as All-Hazard Response Team Leader; or
- Other agency-recognized incident leadership qualifications.

In situations where an individual possessing an incident leadership qualification is not available, or where the specialized nature of the assignment makes such qualifications impractical, the designated leader should, at a minimum, have successfully completed:

- IS-100, Introduction to the Incident Command System;
- IS-200, Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response;
- IS-700, National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction; and
- IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction.

Selection of the module leader may additionally consider:

- Organizational position or authority;
- Professional licensure or certification;
- Subject matter expertise;
- Experience related to the assigned mission; and
- Agency designation.

The ordering unit and sending unit share responsibility for ensuring the designated leader possesses the experience and capabilities necessary to safely supervise assigned personnel and accomplish the intended mission.

Implementation



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Geographic Area Coordination Centers, dispatch centers, and ordering units should familiarize personnel with the use of the NMOD catalog item and ensure local procedures align with this national direction.

Questions regarding implementation, ordering procedures, or resource configuration should be directed through established dispatch channels to the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC).

This memorandum remains in effect until superseded or incorporated into the National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization (NISRM).

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