#FireYear2022
NIFC PIO Webinar

Hosted by External Affairs at the National Interagency Fire Center

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Introduction

Zoom Tips

Jennifer Myslivy, BLM

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Wildland Fire Management Funding

Jessica Gardetto, BLM

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Wildland Fire Management Funding

- $5 billion for federal wildland fire management efforts over the next five years
- $600 million for firefighter pay

Messaging:

- USDA and DOI communication plans
- Use these plans (or your agency's plan) to tailor messages to your local forest, district, etc.
- If you get media inquiries (incident-specific, etc.)

Interagency Talking Points

Samantha Storms, BLM

Interagency Talking Points

"Hot" Topics:

- Wildland fire management strategies and tactics
- Climate Change
- COVID-19
- Hiring and firefighter pay
- Workforce reform/ transformation
- Wildland fire personnel mental health
- Legislation – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Feel free to send these and other national-level topics to our information line: 208-387-5050

National Fire Year Themes

Stanton Florea, USFS

2022 Fire Year Themes

The wildland fire community will safely manage wildfires during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Firefighter and public safety is always the highest priority during a wildfire.

Wildfire activity is becoming more extreme.

2022 Fire Year Themes

Recreate Responsibly: the public plays a valuable role in wildfire prevention.

Fuels management can save lives, property and natural resources.

Supporting the wildland fire management workforce.

InciWeb Redesign Update

Brian Reublinger, USFS

User Help

Important site alert here

Welcome to the InciWeb administrative site!

This site has been re-engineered to enhance the stability and reliability of InciWeb and to streamline creating and updating incident records. While the site looks different, it functions much the same with a few additions. Have fun exploring the InciWeb administrative site!

What's New

Manage Unit Tab: Unit Super Users can enter a Facebook link: This link will show up on the Public site along with the Unit Information.

On the upper left hand corner of the page is a 60 minute User session timer which includes:

- Last Action time: This is the last time the User interacted with an InciWeb service.
- Idle time: A User can be idle for no more than 60 minutes. This is how long the User has been idle (i.e. has not interacted with an InciWeb service.)

If you can't get any questions you have about this site answered through those two resources, contact the HelpDesk by phone at 1-866-224-7677 or the **IIA HelpDesk** .

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You can now upload pdf files into the Maps section. Help resources, including a tutorial and pre-recorded webinars.

Create Incident

[Box 1] Incident Name *

INCIDENT BASIC INFO

MEDIA INCIDENT PHOTO

No media items are selected.

Add media

One media item remaining.

[Box 4] Incident Commander & Agency or Organization

Last saved: Not saved yet

Author: brian.reublinger

Revision log message

Briefly describe the changes you

▼ UNIT

Incident Unit *

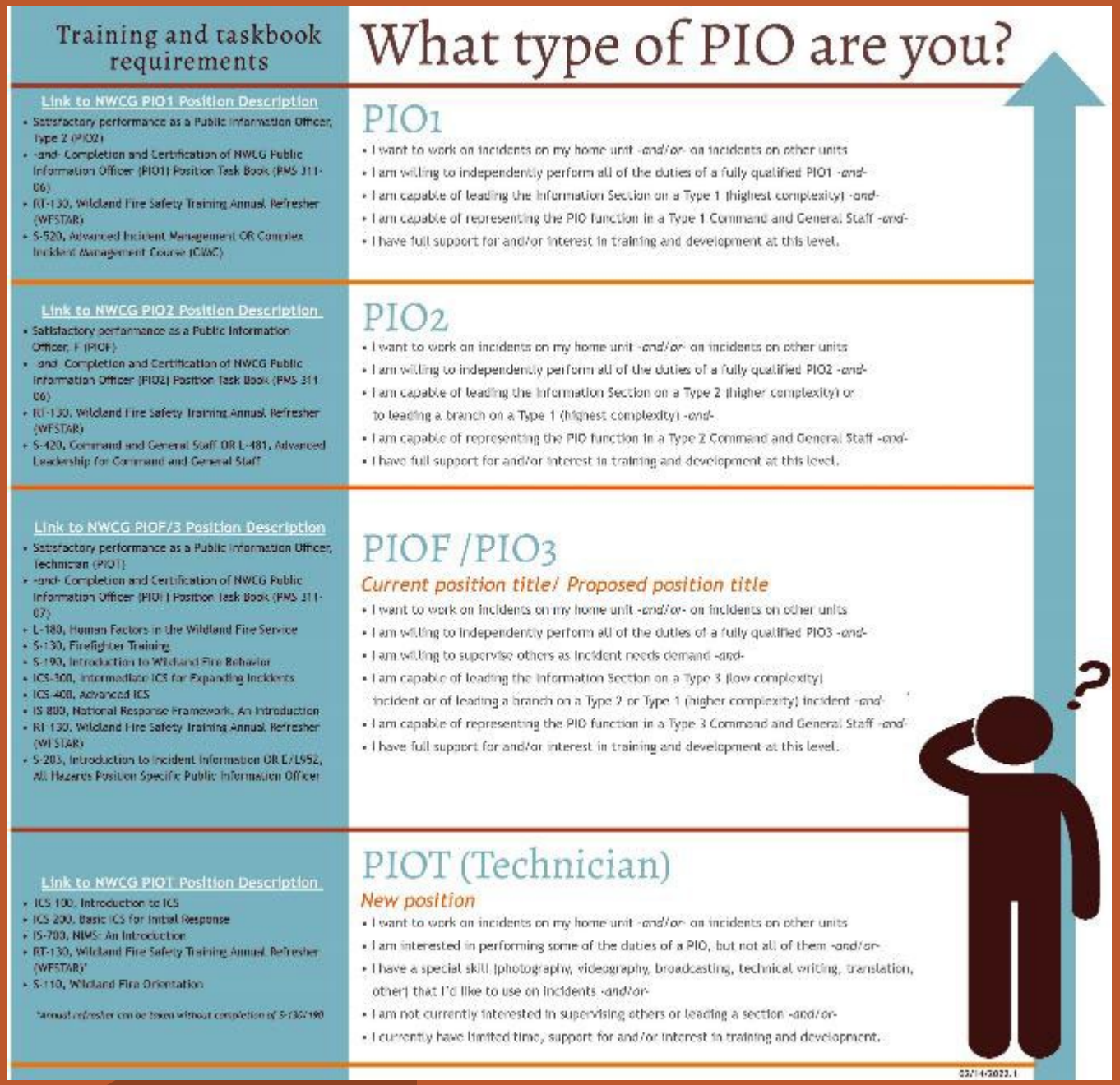
▼ CONTACT INFORMATION

Updates from the NWCG PIO Subcommittee

Candice Stevenson, NPS

Current PIO Positions

- Updated final position descriptions for PIO1, PIO2, PIO3, and PIOT.
- We can use the PIO3 position code.
- Current PIOFs could see a name change to PIO3 on a future red card.
- A new task book was also developed for PIO3. That task book will be made available as soon as approved. A transition plan will follow.
- 138 qualified Public Information Officer Technicians (PIOT) in IQCS now.
  - Not including state/local/other agencies that use other qualifications systems



https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/committee-images/pio-graphic.pdf

Reviewing and Updating Information Training

- S-203
- S-403
- S-103 – possible code for an introductory course for the PIOT position
- S-110 – PIOSC provided feedback for the updated S-110 training
- O-305 or other IMT training – PIOSC is working with the IPSC to develop Type 3 level IMT training.
- Complex IMT Transition

Complex IMT Involvement

- The PIOSC and other position steward committees were asked to develop complex-level positions for the Complex IMT Transition.
- We developed a PIO Complex (PIOC) position based on the Type 1 PIO position description and updated the PIO 1 task book to reflect duties at the complex level.
- The IPSC prepared a transition plan to include all positions affected by the Complex IMT transition. This transition mainly affects Type 1 and Type 2 positions.
- The NWCG Executive Board issued a memo with guidance to implement the transition plan for the Pilot Phase this year: https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/memos/eb-m-22-002.pdf
- After this year of pilot testing CIMTs, NWCG committees will re-evaluate the needs for each position and provide updates to the transition plan and positions where needed.

Incident Management Response Roundtable

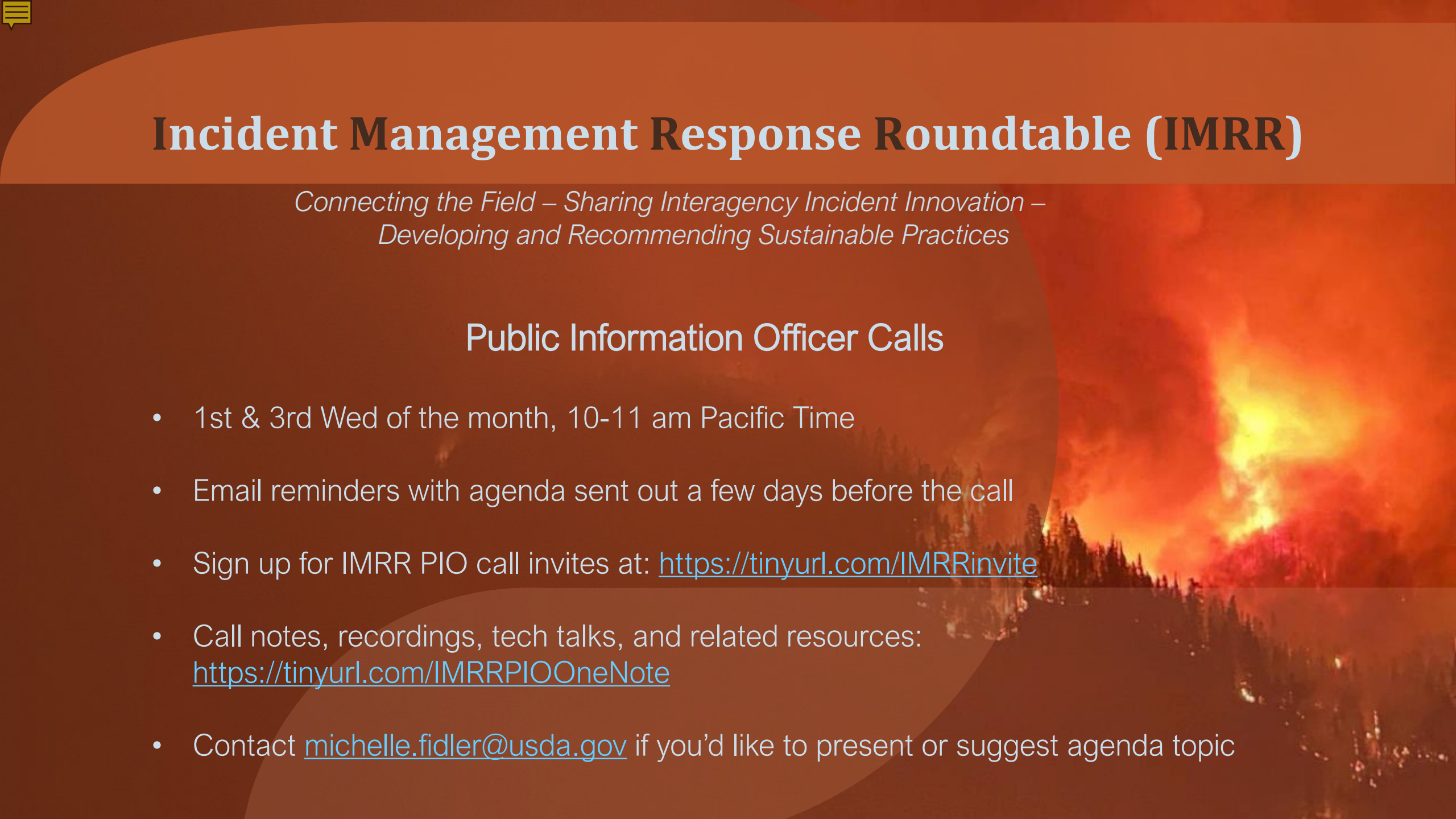
Michelle Fidler, USFS

Incident Management Response Roundtable

https://tinyurl.com/imrroverview

Incident Management Response Roundtable (IMRR)

Connecting the Field – Sharing Interagency Incident Innovation – Developing and Recommending Sustainable Practices



Public Information Officer Calls

- 1st & 3rd Wed of the month, 10-11 am Pacific Time
- Email reminders with agenda sent out a few days before the call
- Sign up for IMRR PIO call invites at: https://tinyurl.com/IMRRinvite
- Call notes, recordings, tech talks, and related resources: https://tinyurl.com/IMRRPIOOneNote
- Contact michelle.fidler@usda.gov if you'd like to present or suggest agenda topic

2021 Remote Incident Support Team (RIST) Support

Remote and Virtual Support
Supplementing interagency incident support

103 Incidents Supported
25 SW 47 NR
15 CA 11 NW
1 EA 1 RM

Functional Support
RIST coordinator integrates functional support as needed

158 RIST Staff
140 Federal
10 State
8 Cooperators

Scalable Support
- ✓ Intermittent
- ✓ Short term
- ✓ Long term
- ✓ Mentoring

20 GACC/MAC Requests
2 SW
13 NR
3 CA

Situation
SITL - GISS

AK AZ CA CO DC GA ID FL LA MI MT NC NM NE NV OR SC TN TX UT VA WY

Staff from 24 States

Harnessing Efficiencies
Individuals supporting multiple incidents

4 Local Units Supported
2 NR
2 CA

Planning
PSC – SCKN - DMOB
DOCL – TNSP - RESL

46 Trainees
Opportunities based on trainee availability and trainer capacity

Flexible Staffing
Scaling support from call when needed to full time as needed

May - October
RIST staffed PL 3-5 and beyond based on requests and capacity

Information
PIO – ASL – CART - THSP

Interagency Staff
From State, BIA, BLM, FWS, NPS, USFS, USGS

Building Capacity
Integrating staff unable to travel or provide traditional full-time support

Positive Feedback
Field staff appreciated support and customer service

Finance
FSC - TIME – EQTR - PTRC – COST - COMP

More Info
tiny.url.com/ristinfo

https://tinyurl.com/riststorymap https://tinyurl.com/ristinfo https://tinyurl.com/ristavailabilityform

NIFC PIO Jeopardy

Carrie Bilbao, BLM

Sheri Ascherfeld, BLM

Questions and Answers

Tina Boehle, NPS