**2009 Great Basin Dispatchers Workshop Summary 4/14-16/09**

Carol Salo presented a PowerPoint presentation on **2009 Incident Business Updates**…

Nat’l Incident Business Committee will be supplementing the IIBMH.

ATGS does not meet definition for hazard pay.

ESF4 is an exempt position.

Other CH. 10 changes: Section 16 - Travel (16.1,7) and Section 16 – Comp for Injury (15.05, 15.1-4, 15.3)

2009 AD Pay Plan (FS) is issued; DOI AD pay plan is at the WO for approval. Approx 25% increase for all positions, except G and H (15-17%). FS will pay AD travel on OF-288; DOI will not. CRNW is now Contract Rep Nationwide.

Handout: Implementation Plan for Travel Expenses Incurred by Casuals (FS).

**Great Basin Supplement - Chapter 20**

Identifies how equipment s/b obtained.

Draft SOP on EMTs w/b coming out soon

2009 equipment solicitations are out; 2010 solicitations are out for comment.

Chapter 20 has the emergency rental agreement number and phone number for rental vehicles.

GPS units are not reimbursable.

**Chapter 40**

There are 2 T1 Buying Teams and 4 T2 Buying Teams.

IIBPWT working on evaluating best practices regarding **complexes, merges & splits.**

**S-420 students** - Madonna Legerich: students will receive resource orders, cadre will not.

The fire needs to talk w/agency administrator who has to buy off on costs of pulling in the 420 students.

Class is 2-3 days long.

**BEST VALUE**

Tina Ledger’s ppt: preseason I-BPAs good for 3 years to replace EERAs. EERAs w/b used for incident only signup. If vendors miss the 3-year solicitation period, they won’t have the opportunity to sign up for another 3 years. Nat’l standards for hire, inspection.

Be careful not to reassign I-BPA equipment in ROSS.

In June, vendor web status will allow vendor password changes.

Handouts:

BLM Solicited Fire Equipment Q&As – Draft

Competitive Solicitation (Best Value) FAQs

**401/IFPM Update – Tenna & Cindy**

Coursework and credits very subjective depending on who’s looking at it.

Fs OIG Audit – no adequate employee pool for 401. To maintain viable/sustainable workforce, GS-13 and above – 401, GS-12 and below – 462.

Once a 401 not always a 401, depends by state.

401 series has vague minimum standards.

Interagency classification group w/b looking @ dispatcher PDs.

FS IFPM extended to 10/10.

IFPM and FS-FPM data w/b entered in IQCS.

Handouts:

FS Standard PD Crosswalk 11/6/08

401 Series for Fire Management Specialists, memo 11/5/08

IFPM Decision Paper #4 effective 9/29/08

Running FS-FPM Reports

FS-FPM Position ID worksheet

FS-FPM Qualifications Standard and Guide, Implementation Plan Oct. 1, 2008 to Oct. 1, 2013.

IFPM Implementation Update and Clarifications and Forest Service Crosswalk memo dated 3/8/07

IQCS – How to Add/Remove an Employee to FS-FPM

**Intel/Predictive Services** – Gina Dingman

WIMS password same. Request new user account for S IT/209.

SIT – the WFU column is going away.

209 changes coming mid-may. New users guide in June.

Great Basin is trying to line up Predictive Services Areas w/Fire Danger Rating Plan areas.

EGB web site will host its dispatch centers websites.

Red Flag warnings – each NWS office is a little different, so relooking @ criteria. Ed and Shelby are working on this.

End of Year reports – GACCs use them as history but no set requirement reporting for the centers from the GACCs. GACCs use SIT/209/FireStat. Every Friday look at your SIT and check totals in ownership vs protection.

**Misc info from Tenna:**

D-311 and D-312 probably in the fall, with D-310 in the spring.

S-491 may not be held next spring if not enough folks, so w/b held every other year.

**NICC Update** – Rick Squires

FAA temporary towers - can go direct to FAA in Western regions.

19 airtankers, 17 BLM SEATs, 6 scoopers, MAFFS2 still being rolled out (loadable @ any tanker base).

75 T1/T2 helicopters.

Great Basin has a T2 short team.

BLM IHC IA is no longer.

R8 testing debit cards for AD crews.

To access ROSS faster use CITRIX. Contact GACC coordinator to request CITRIX account.

**DOI Aviation**

Handout: DOI CWN Program

**WildCAD**

WildCAD 4.0 is ready to install, new user guide.

Daily Log now has unlimited characters, you can highlight text and spell check. On the map you can drag/display resources. You can e-mail the map; mail a .pdf file; sort incidents by contained/controlled/out; lightning display on Google maps; lightning polarity; enhancements to the phone list. WildCad on standalone PCs is an issue – Lori Jakubowski working on exemption for this. After fire season will have to use snap servers (or better to get own servers). Technical requests through Lori Jakuboswki using statement that centers can’t function without this). You’ll also need Windows 2003.

IRWIN is holding back the ROSS-WildCad interface.

Usernames/passwords for Expanded Dispatch – old accounts are fine, new accounts are on hold.

**Fire Community Structure** – Dave Hart

Went through orgs and committees and sub-structures (now includes Homeland Security).

Agencies are working on firewall issues and duplication of services.

Modification of Strategy for Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy is driving WFDSS.

**WFDSS** (Wildland Fire Decision Support System) – Dave Hart

Replaces WFSA. .25% of fires cost 80% of fire budget. Anyone with .gov e-mail can be a Viewer. Discuss w/agency fire staffs who will be entering incidents. As of 9/1 all FS incidents will be entered; in the Great Basin all incidents will be entered by 6/1 for all decision making. There are web based webinars. WFDSS can’t handle complexes right now. Geographic Editor at Eastern Great Basin in Gina Dingman.

**MMINTS**  - Dave Hart

New Beta test in Great Basin for team computers. System w/b dispatched with some teams. Laptops/server/support trailer. Agency-owned. Team CTSPs will receive trng for the system.

**Dispatch Efficiency Study** – Dave Hart

Recommendations to NWCG: consolidate AD management; FireOrg to evaluate workloads; national CAD system; technology & seeing where we want to go. FS w/b doing efficiency study on suppression. The DPIC that was removed from IQCS is being reinstated.

**Update from Western Great Basin** – Dennis Terry

Struggling w/predictive services position, trying to get position filled. No changes in logistics, added 1 seasonal. Recommended to NMAC that the Nat’l Mob Guide (& geographic area mob guides) follow the Red Book format. Great Basin Mob Guide has policy on 1-1 mentor-trainee ratio allowed on team rosters. Great Basin Mob Guide should be about ready from the printers.

**Update from Eastern Great Basin** – Dave Hart

w/b hiring SCEP to keep up the web page. No personnel changes, just rotating positions.

**COGNOS –** Nancy Ellsworth

Attended train-the-trainer. Suggests folks play in there, or she might hold a 1-day session at the NV State Office in May.

**IRWIN**  (Integrated Reporting of Wildland Fire Information) – Jill Leguineche

IRWIN is a capability (interface alternatives), not a system. Goals are to develop end-end fire reporting system to increase data accuracy and interconnectivity w/other programs. One of the alternatives is an enterprise service bus w/data change between programs. Business Leads are Chuck Wamack and Roshelle Pederson.

**ICBS/ICBSR**  - Emil

Unit IDs are currently an issue.

ICBSR was supposed to go live this spring, but doesn’t work with BLM FBMS financial code string ($400,000 to reprogram).

**TRAVEL**

 Ads whose rooms are paid for the BUYT – get the name of the buying team member for BLM-NOC records. Some centers are requiring those who have a govt CC to make their own fire travel arrangements, some centers are continuing to make arrangements and put on CBA. Plan now on how to deal w/GovTrip locally for Ads, seasonal, etc. Rental cars on gov cc – if damaged off-road the person is still personally liable. Use the GSA contract for rental cars and get waiver for off-road use. Boise dispatch has a good BPA tired off the GSA contract and will send it out for an example.

**AVIATION**

UAVs are increasingly out there.

Order your A-A freqs early, but manage the freqs you have more efficiently.

Working on national change board committee for AFF to push up suggested changes. Jill L is working on a white paper, so submit ideas to Jill by 6/1.

NES website for TFRs – call during business hrs for best results. Renew before your certificates expire.

There are GPS blackouts in some areas due to military exercises.

Airspace Coordination Guide being revised.

**CENTER MANAGERS**

Staffing – lots of vacancies in dispatch centers with a shortage of applicants. Options is to use 2150 Logistics Dispatcher series (although shorter career ladder).

Work w/each other on detail opportunities to get people out on assignment.

Naming conventions in ROSS – for Incident Only resources include “Inc. Only” in the fill name. Dave H will send out information from Steve Waters.

Some centers are not filling resource orders until they have the travel information, thus the chance the order gets retrieved while they are still working on it. Document if you’re working on it, claim it, or better fill it and input travel data later. Don’t forget to still make phone calls.

Great Basin has CISM teams.

Forms will be going out to Center Managers for vacancies on the Dispatch Steering Committee.

**Next Dispatch Workshop w/b in year 2011 (unless issues warrant discussion in 2010).**

***Tip: dial 811 to report fires near oil/natural gas pipelines***