Dispatch Training and Steering Committee

Conference Call 8/24/11

On the Call:

Gina, Nancy, Deneen, Dave, Dolly,

**Topics:**

1. Conversation with Chuck and Deb Fleming:
2. We don’t have a charter yet. We are waiting for the Coordinating Group to get their charter completed so we can get an official “Tasking”. In the meantime, we will plan on going forward with the Taskbook and figure out which classes to update.
3. The Operations and Workforce group/committee who has been tasked with training material and development from the Preparedness branch of NWCG.
4. Look into the Charter for the Center Managers, then we can get a charter or tasking for this group. Dave: suggested to the group we find a charter or develop one and take a look at the task book. He advised over the past 10 years not much activity had been done past the the course development.
5. Asked when the dispatch courses are scheduled for rewrite. Deb informed me that not in the next 6 years. I explained with the new way of doing business with VIPER, DPL’s and ROSS up dates, we are already 3 yrs behind our updates needed.
6. Deb also mentioned the Wildland Fire Institute. She said it is the concept of putting all of the training into an institute. There will be a Dean and will be modeled after a University model. We have not heard of this, but it will be something in the future.

Dave - Over the last 10 years this group hasn’t been very active. Once D-110 and D-310 were established this group can move forward.

1. All in one Taskbook….

**What is the feel from the group on combining the Taskbooks?**

(Dave) Not in favor for having them all in one taskbooks. The group agrees not to go this route.

(Nancy) The suggestion of making 3 taskbooks from the current six could be a very good idea. Consider combining EDRC/EDSD, EDSP/CORD, IADP/ACDP. Need to look at the proposal sent to us by Pam. Gina sent out a copy of this via email.

(Dolly) NWCC uses a lot of EDRC at the GACC. Gives them a look at the job to see if this is something they want to do. The local units use EDRC as the beginning steps into the experience.

(Deneen) Perhaps the name needs to be changed from Recorder to Support, similar to EDSD, but they will need to know how do all of the desks.

(Dave) different name changes, suggest Incident Support Dispatcher.

(Deneen) Having Supervisory/Coordinator combined to allow more entries for working with NIMO, Area Command, and MAC groups. Deneen added that there should be provisions for capturing tasks on each level in the books.

(Dolly) More contract stuff, DPL’s management, Contracting officers,

**Tasks for the next call:**

Group - Take a look at what Pam wrote and think about how to precede with the combination of taskbooks and be ready to discuss which training classes to start the focus on.

Gina – Look into the Charter for the Coordinators so this group can get going on a charter or tasking…

 Next call – September 15th @ 1300.