



USDA Forest Service Fire and Aviation Management Briefing Paper



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Topic: “CRM 7 Skills” equivalent to “A-310 Overview of Crew Resource Management”

Issue: Crew Resource Management 7 Skills has become the agency standard for Crew Resource Management (CRM) training within the Forest Service. (Ref: *CRMBriefing Paper 3/8/2012*).

A-310 - Overview of Crew Resource Management is a general 2 hour course that provides information on the roles and responsibilities of flight and aircrew members in aviation operations. (Ref: *IAT Guide 2014 p. 23*)

The Forest Service Aviation Training Program Manager determines course equivalencies for the Forest Service. (Ref: *IAT Guide 2014 p. 2*)

Background: Three courses have been developed to meet the Interagency and Forest Service requirements for CRM training:

- **FS509-CRM 7 Skills Train the Trainer** – The 24 hour CRM course is a comprehensive class that teaches facilitative instruction using case studies and meets the intent for initial CRM training for instructors and pilots who will use these skills as check airmen.
- **N9059-Crew Resource Mgmt. 7 Skills** – The 3 hour CRM course meets the general need for initial CRM training for non-pilots and refresher training for pilots.
- **RT9059F-CRM 7 Skills Refresher** – Due to the complicated nature of airborne command and control, the 24 or 16 hour course is also recommended for Air Tactical Group Supervisor initial training.

Determination: CRM Subject Matter Experts have reviewed the course content of A-310, FS-509, N9059 and RT9059F and have determined that:

- FS509-CRM 7 Skills Train the Trainer
- N9059-Crew Resource Mgmt. 7 Skills
- RT9059F-CRM 7 Skills Refresher

meet and exceed the objectives and content of A-310 - Overview of Crew Resource Management. Therefore, all Forest Service personnel completing FS-509, N9059 and/or RT9059 have met any requirement for A-310 as stated in the Interagency Aviation Training Guide.

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