

LIMITED DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
WICHITA MOUNTAINS WILDLIFE REFUGE
Indiahoma, Oklahoma

As of 0700 CST, 03/05/2006, I delegated authority to manage the FWS, Oklahoma Severity Request – Fire Prevention and Education Team, at Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, to Team Leader, Mr. Bill Swartley and the Fire Prevention and Education Team.

As Team Leader, you are accountable for the overall management of this Fire Prevention and Education Team including its return to local forces. I expect you to adhere to relevant and applicable laws, policies, and professional standards. You are expected to perform your duties in a manner that provides for the safety and well being of involved personnel. Consideration for the needs of local residents and communities is essential for successful management of the incident.

I am assigning Ralph Godfrey (Fire Management Officer) and Richard Baker (Prescribed Fire Specialist) as line office representative(s) to act as liaison and provide any help you need. They are authorized to speak for me in the event a decision is needed.

My specific objectives for this team are:

1. Develop a FireWise type program for community level presentation (the message would have approximately 25% emphasis that prescribed fire is a positive practice and 75% homeowner based FireWise information). Team members should always convey the many attributes of prescribed fire in the environment while promoting the prevention of carelessness and arson-caused wildfires.
2. Develop a Plan-of-Work that would include assignment priorities to schedule community presentations.
3. Layer this presentation with the PSA prevention messages that other teams are developing release.
4. Do a BETA test on high priority communities in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge area.
5. Develop a good transition plan for follow-up teams that will carry the program to upwards of 50 communities across the state of Oklahoma.
6. Provide training opportunities for U. S. Fish and Wildlife personnel as requested to strengthen our organizational capabilities.

Ralph Bryant
Acting Refuge Manager, Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

RETURN OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The signing of this document returns authority and responsibility for management of the FWS, Oklahoma Severity Request – Fire Prevention and Education Team to the agency line officer having protection responsibility to the area for which this request is targeted.

It is mutually agreed that objectives and management directions were met and the Fire Prevention and Education Team is hereby released effective *(Time)*, *(Date)*.

Team Leader
Fire Prevention and Education Team

Ralph Bryant
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