

NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #119
SAFETY OFFICER, S-404 INCREASE IN COURSE HOURS
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BACKGROUND

The revision of the NWCG course Safety Officer, S-404 is in the certification phase of the revision process. This course is listed as “Other Training Which Supports Development of Knowledge and Skills” in the Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1.

CURRENT STATUS

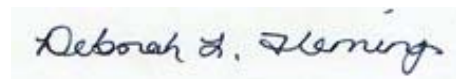
The suggested delivery time for the previous (2002) course was 27 hours (3 hours pre-course work and 24 hours classroom instruction). During the revision process additional materials and exercises were added to the course materials to enhance student performance and understanding. The additional materials were added at the recommendation of the NWCG Risk Management Committee and were seen as necessary to perform the duties of the Safety Officer. The new suggested delivery time is 29.5 hours (2 hours pre-course work and 27.5 hours classroom instruction).

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the S-404 Subject Matter Expert group that the presentation time for the course be increased from 27 hours to 29.5 hours.

APPROVED / DENIED

SIGNATURE



NWCG Training Branch Manager

April 10, 2013

Date

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