

**NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT *AMENDED* ISSUE PAPER #34  
PMS 310-1 CLARIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE  
INITIAL ATTACK DISPATCHER POSITION**

**NWCG Development Unit  
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*After further discussion with the Initial Attack Dispatch Subject Matter Expert Group we would like to propose the following amendments to the March 5 version of this issue paper:*

*Removing Initial Attack Dispatcher (D-311) from required training and adding it to additional training which supports development of knowledge and skills.*

*Dropping Support Dispatcher as "other position assignments that will maintain currency" for the IADP. Basically, no other position will maintain currency for the IADP so we would like to leave this blank in the PMS 310-1.*

## **BACKGROUND**

The Initial Attack Dispatcher position and qualification for the Wildland & Prescribed Fire Qualifications System Guide, PMS 310-1 were approved by the IOSWT May 10, 2000.

## **CURRENT STATUS**

The "IADP modules with selected aviation modules" (see attached) referred to in the qualification guidelines have been replaced with the D-311, Initial Attack Dispatcher course. This course is currently in its second year of the development cycle.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

This issue paper serves as clarification to the previously approved verbiage that will be contained within the PMS 310-1:

### **INITIAL ATTACK DISPATCHER (IADP)**

#### **REQUIRED TRAINING**

*Initial Attack Dispatcher (D-311)*  
Firefighter Training (S-130)  
Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (S-190)  
Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (S-290)

#### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING WHICH *Initial Attack Dispatcher (D-311)***

#### **SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

Initial Attack Incident Commander (S-200)  
Fire Operations in the Urban Interface (S-215)  
Interagency Helicopter Training (S-271)

PREREQUISITE EXPERIENCE

Satisfactory performance as a Support Dispatcher  
+  
Satisfactory position performance as an Initial  
Attack Dispatcher

PHYSICAL FITNESS

None

OTHER POSITION ASSIGNMENTS  
THAT WILL MAINTAIN CURRENCY

~~Support Dispatcher~~  
None

**ACTION REQUIRED**

Upon approval of this clarification, the IOS Working Team will need to make the appropriate change to the Wildland & Prescribed Fire Qualifications System Guide, PMS 310-1.

**APPROVED** / DENIED  
(circle one)

SIGNATURE

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