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Annual Wildland Fire Safety Refresher Training - 2012

Fire refresher training will ensure that firefighters and support personnel have information regarding current initiatives, the upcoming fire season, and any policy/guidance changes. Refresher training is provided to recognize and mitigate risk, maintain safe and effective practices, and reduce accidents and near misses. This training will fulfill the NWCG requirement to complete Annual Fireline Safety Refresher RT-130 as per *Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide* (PMS 310-1).

What's New

A transition to a web-based program for the Annual Fire Refresher is under way. This year's refresher will be available in mid-March in DVD form and one final time for the 2013 fire season. Starting this year training modules will also be available for download at the WFSTAR website at <http://www.nifc.gov/wfstar/index.html>.

It is important to note that the Annual Fire Refresher training is instructor led and individual only completion (e.g., plug and play) will not meet training requirements. An instructor must still present this information, as in the past, and account for and report the presence of each individual taking the course. This is the **ONLY** way to get credit for obtaining training completion certification.

Refresher Website (WFSTAR)

Instructors should select and download training modules for a customized program to better align with the target audience. A fire refresher library is now organized into categories, such as "Case Studies" and "Aviation." Within those categories are related topics made up of new and old modules. Each module download includes a video, Student Workbook and Facilitator Guide, available at <http://www.nifc.gov/wfstar/index.html>.

Refresher DVD

The NWCG 2012 Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training DVD is tentatively scheduled for release March 21, 2012. After 2013 Refresher training will no longer be available in DVD form.

The Federal wildland fire agencies will distribute 2012 video packages to their respective offices. Non-Federal agencies will need to order DVDs directly from Custom Recording and Sound at (208)344-3535 or fire@crsimedia.com. Personnel conducting refreshers before the 2012 release date are encouraged to use pertinent modules from prior annual refreshers. These can be downloaded from the WFSTAR website.

Instructors Note:

Instructors and Unit Leaders are encouraged to customize training to reach your target audience. Reference material may include the 2010 Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)(PMS 461), Fireline Handbook (PMS 410-1) and other agency specific materials.