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PMS 310-1 CLARIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE INITIAL ATTACK DISPATCHER POSITION

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BACKGROUND

The Initial Attack Dispatch 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 Dispatch 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 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

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
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