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---FIRE SUPPRESSION TACTICS S-336---

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BACKGROUND:

The existing Fire Suppression Tactics S-336 course was developed in 1990 to replace tactics training in the old Sector Boss S-330 course which was lost when the transition was made from LFO to ICS.

The curriculum design contractors (Halsey/Vance) originally proposed that the portions of S-336 which were applicable to the single resource boss positions be included when the single resource boss courses were revised. Halsey/Vance further recommended that the S-336 Fire Suppression Tactics Reference Text be made available to single resource boss trainees. These proposals were carried into the approved curriculum design.

CURRENT STATUS:

During the development workshop for Crew Boss (Single Resource) S-230, conducted October 25 - November 5, 1993, the curriculum design regarding S-336 was addressed by the development group. The group concurred with the design and incorporated the appropriate instruction into the S-230 course. The group also took on the updating of the reference text with the intent that it be published as a stand-alone reference text, not tied to any specific course. It will be used, as appropriate, in conjunction with the single resource boss courses and task force/strike team leader training.

This action was closely coordinated among development project leaders for the single resource boss courses (Crew, Engine, Dozer, Tractor/Plow, and Felling), S-336, and Task Force/Strike Team Leader S-330. Further analysis was done, with input by this group, to determine the most appropriate disposition of the instruction which remained in S-336. It was determined that the remaining training would best be placed in the S-330 course. S-336 would be eliminated.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following specific recommendations were developed by the NIFC Division of Training. Due to close scheduling of development workshops for the courses impacted by these recommendations, an approval is needed from the Training Working Team by November 19, 1993. A method for handling such situations in the future is proposed in a separate paper.

1. Put the tactical training, currently in S-336, in the course for which it is most appropriate (See attached chart).

2. Since the 310-1, which was just published, lists S-336 as required training for Task Force and Strike Team Leaders, leave the existing course in PMS until the 310-1 is revised (FY 96). At that time, it should be removed from the system and Crew Boss S-230 and Strike Team/Task Force Leader S-330 should both be required in its place. This later action will need to be coordinated with the ICSWT with appropriate changes made to the 310-1 during its next scheduled revision (1996).

3. Wildland/Urban interface training should be emphasized at both the single resource boss (S-230) and strike team/task force leader (S-330) levels.

4. S-330 should focus on training strike team leaders but with a module(s) at the end which focuses on training task force leaders, i.e., multiple resources management. The full complexity of the task force leader job should be addressed (multiple resources, wildland/urban, hazmat, etc.)

ACTION REQUIRED:

1. Upon approval of these recommendations by the Training Working Team, the NIFC Division of Training will take the following management actions:

   a. Continue development of S-230 as determined at the earlier workshop.

   b. Provide specific direction for the S-330 development workshop which meets December 6-10, 1993, to incorporate the appropriate sections of S-336. This workshop plans to focus on development of the course objectives and tests, leaving actual materials development for a later meeting.

   c. Reassign the SMEs for S-336 to the S-330 development group. The workshop for S-336 was postponed until Spring due to scheduling conflicts of participants so there will be no scheduling impacts on this group.

2. The Training Working Team will need to coordinate this action with the ICSWT (see recommendation 2, above).

APPROVED:

Chairman, Training Working Team

11/18/93
Date