CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER NUMBER 21
MODIFICATION OF COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH A "TS"OR A "T" NUMBER FOR TRAINING MATERIALS DEVELOPED FOR TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS

BACKGROUND

See attached memorandum (NWCG Course Numbering System Information Update)

CURRENT STATUS

Course materials and job aids for technical specialist positions are not being numbered because the NWCG Course Numbering System only provides numbers for those training materials that are part of the established curriculum.

RECOMMENDATION

Modify the NWCG Course Numbering System to establish a new alphabetic designator of either "T" or "TS" to accommodate the development of training materials for technical specialist positions that are not part of the NWCG curriculum:

Using the T or TS designator, courses and job aids for technical specialist positions could be given a number that follows the established system (TS-256 Cache Demobilization Specialist job aid; T-210 Expanded Dispatch Job Aids) and be given a Level II certification.

Using the "T" designator would be more consistant with the other designators currently being used. Whereas, using the "TS" designator could identify the course or job aid as being a little different, i.e. not part of the curriculum.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

Upon approval of the recommendation:

Modify the NWCG Course Development and Format Standards (CDFS) and the Field Managers Course Guide to reflect the changes to the Course Numbering System.

APPROVED

Chairperson, Training Working Team

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Date