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FUTURE OF THE S-131 COURSE
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ISSUE
Rescind Leadership Task Group Report recommendation number 8, to eliminate the Advanced Firefighter Training course (S-131).

BACKGROUND
In September 2000, the NWCG Training Working Team chartered the Leadership Task Group to analyze the leadership-training curriculum, identify alternatives and make recommendations.

In February 2001, the Leadership Task Group provided a detailed report to the Training Working Team. This Report recommends the elimination of S-131 as required training for the Advanced Firefighter and instead, using the Followership to Leadership course as required training.

In September 2002, the Leadership Task Group redefined the target audience for the Followership to Leadership course. The target audience changed from the Advanced Firefighter (FFT1) to the Single Resource Boss level. This change eliminates the need to replace S-131 with Followership to Leadership.

Currently, S-131 is not on the NWCG revision schedule. We recommend a timely revision to reflect new tools such as the Incident Response Pocket Guide, sand table exercises and the five communication responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION REQUIRED
Keep S-131 in the NWCG curriculum and revise to reflect current doctrine and teaching methods such as tactical decision games and sand table exercises.

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