



Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordinating Group Training Working Team

To: Patti Jones, Eastern WA Interagency Training Zone Chair
Date: November 6, 2008
From: Mike Spencer, PNWCG Training Working Team Chair
Subject: Clarification: I-100 vs. Unit 2 of S-130

The purpose of this memo is to clarify the relationship between NWCG's I-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS) course and ICS Overview unit (Unit 2) in the S-130: Wildland Firefighter 2 course.

The intent of Unit 2 is to provide a basic overview of ICS as it relates to the role of the wildland firefighter function, to students who may have no prior ICS knowledge, training or experience. Unit 2 contains only a subset of the learning objectives found in the full I-100 course. Unit 2 should therefore not be considered as equivalent to the full I-100 course.

As mentioned in the S-130 instructor guide for Unit 2, if the I-100 course has been successfully completed by the students prior to or while taking S-130, then Unit 2 may be condensed (for review) or eliminated from the S-130 training agenda for that course offering.

The I-100 course is available as an online and computer based self-study course. Upon completion of this course with successful completion of the final test, a certificate of completion is available to be printed from the course. To access the online version of this course go to: <http://training.nwcg.gov/classes/i100.htm> .

I-100 was developed in conjunction with the US Fire Administration (Q462) and the Emergency Management Institute (IS100). These courses are built on the same lesson objectives and content as the NWCG I-100 course and are interchangeable; they are all National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant.

This interpretation has been reviewed and approved by the Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordinating Group's Training Working Team, and by Deb Epps, NWCG Training Development Unit Leader.

Please share this information with your interagency partners who instruct and coordinate S-130 courses.

Sincerely,
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