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To: State Board of Fire Services
 Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:
 NWCG Course Updates and Retirements

Recommended Actions:
 Approve FSTEP Course Updates and Retirements

Background Information:

State Fire Training (SFT) manages the curriculum and provides course completion diplomas for 162 courses. SFT identified the discrepancies between the SFT website, Procedures Manual, and the Course Information and Required Materials Manual (CIRM). Several courses are now retired or have not been delivered since 2015.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

The following courses were retired by NWCG or have been in the SFT system but have not been delivered in 5 years. If at a future date, there is a demand SFT can add the courses back into the SFT course catalog for delivery (does not apply to S-336). SFT will retire these courses upon State Board of Fire Services approval.

NWCG Course	Notes
S-336: Tactical Decision Making in Wildland Fire (2004)	Retired by NWCG in July 2015
S-420: Command and General Staff (2002)	Last delivery in 2014
S-490: Advanced Wildland Fire Behavior Calculations (2008)	No course deliveries on file with SFT
S-491: Intermediate National Fire Danger Rating System (2003)	No course deliveries on file with SFT

The following National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) courses have new versions of the curriculum, or the edition was incorrectly listed in the CIRM. The proposed updates shall be implemented on July 1, 2021.

NWCG Course (From SFT CIRM)	Updated Year of Publication
S-130: Fire Fighter Training (2003)	2020
S-190: Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (2006)	2020
S-200: Initial Attack Incident Commander (2007)	2006
S-212: Wildland Fire Chainsaws (2004)	2012
S-215: Fire Operations in the Wildland/Urban Interface (2003)	2013
S-231: Engine Boss (2004)	2012
S-270: Basic Air Operations (2003)	2011
S-390: Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior Calculations (2006)	2007
S-404: Safety Officer (2002)	2013

Potential Agency Impacts:

All instructors, agencies, and academies delivering courses are responsible for ensuring the most current curriculum is used.



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

NWCG Course Updates and Retirements

Issued: May 2021

OVERVIEW

State Fire Training (SFT) manages curriculum and provides course completion diplomas for 162 courses. SFT reviewed the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) courses listed in the Course Information and Required Materials Manual (CIRM). Several courses have been updated to new editions, and a few were retired by NWCG. This Implementation Plan provides updates and retirements for select NWCG Courses.

CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION

SFT recognizes that many SFT Instructors, Accredited Academies, Agencies, and stakeholders are invested in the current curriculum. The current curriculum and instructor requirements will apply to courses hosted during the transition period.

Updated Curriculum..... Available July 1, 2021

On July 1, 2021, the updated courses listed below will be added to the SFT course catalog and available for delivery. Effective October 1, 2021, the retiring courses listed below will be retired from the SFT course catalog and no longer available.

Retiring Editions	Updated Edition
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S-190: Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (2006)	2020
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Legacy Curriculum.....Retires [*Insert Retirement Date: SBFS Approval Date*]

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Legacy SFT Courses
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INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Instructor Registration **Available June 1, 2021**

Instructors may register for the new courses using either the retiring course diploma or the new course diploma.

Existing Registered Instructors

Instructors currently registered and in good standing for any of the retiring NWCG courses will be automatically registered to instruct the updated NWCG courses.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP), Accredited Local Academies (ALA), community colleges, and all other local delivery venues need to review the curriculum and seek approval from their curriculum committee/program sponsor, as appropriate. ARTPs should review the new curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.