



# S-440: Planning Section Chief (2001) Course Plan

## Course Details

<b>Description:</b>	This course is designed to meet a portion of the training needs of the Planning Section Chief Type 2 (PSC2). Topics include information gathering, strategies, meetings and briefings, Incident Action Plan (IAP), interactions, forms, documents, supplies, demobilization, and an optional technology section. In the final exercise, students observe a simulated planning meeting and use the information derived to find errors in an IAP. Students must pass the unit tests and the final exercise to successfully complete the course.
<b>Designed For:</b>	The student will display the skills, knowledge, and tools necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities of the Planning Section Chief Type 2 (PSC2).
<b>Authority:</b>	National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Qualified as any of the following: Resources Unit Leader (RESL), Situation Unit Leader (SITL), Planning Section Chief Type 3 (PSC3), Operations Section Chief Type 2 (OSC2), Safety Officer Type 2 (SOF2), or Logistics Section Chief Type 2 (LSC2). Satisfactory completion of pre-course work.
<b>Standard:</b>	N/A
<b>Hours:</b>	14.0-19.0 hours
<b>Maximum Class Size:</b>	35
<b>Instructor Level:</b>	Primary instructor
<b>Instructor/Student Ratio:</b>	1 primary instructor per 10 students (skills)
<b>Restrictions:</b>	Limited to Instructor-Led Delivery only.
<b>SFT Designation:</b>	FSTEP

## Required Resources

### Instructor Resources

To teach this course, instructors need:

- S-440 Instructor Guide
- S-440 CD-ROM Course Materials
- S-440 Trainee Workbook

These materials are available to order through the National Fire Equipment System (NFES).

### Student Resources

To participate in this course, students need:

- S-440 Trainee Workbook

### Facilities, Equipment, and Personnel

The following facilities, equipment, or personnel are required to deliver this course:

#### Facilities

- Standard classroom equipped for 24 students
- Whiteboards or easel pads with appropriate writing implements
- Projector/TV with appropriate laptop connections
- Wifi/Internet access



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