



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

Course Details

Description:	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.
Designed For:	The student will display the skills, knowledge, and tools necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities of the Planning Section Chief Type 2 (PSC2).
Authority:	National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)
Prerequisites:	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.
Standard:	N/A
Hours:	14.0-19.0 hours
Maximum Class Size:	40 (35 Recommended by NWCG)
Instructor Level:	Primary instructor
Instructor/Student Ratio:	1 primary instructor per 40 students (NWCG Recommends 1:10)
Restrictions:	Limited to Instructor-Led Delivery only.
SFT Designation:	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

Time Table

Segment			Unit Total
Unit 0: Course Introduction			1.5
Unit 1: Pre-course Work Review			1.0
Unit 2: Information Gathering			2.5
Unit 3: Strategies			1.0
Unit 4: Meetings and Briefings			2.0
Unit 5: Incident Action Plan and Contingency Plans			2.0
Unit 6: Interactions			1.0
Unit 7: Forms, Documents, and Supplies			2.0
Unit 7A: Technological Tools (Optional)			1.0-5.0
Unit 8: Demobilization and Closeout			1.0
Course Totals			14.0-19.0

Time Table Key

1. The Time Table documents the amount of time required to deliver the content included in the course plan.
2. Time is documented using the quarter system: 15 min. = .25 / 30 min. = .50 / 45 min. = .75 / 60 min. = 1.0.
3. The Course Totals do not reflect time for lunch (1 hour) or breaks (10 minutes per each 50 minutes of instruction or assessment). It is the instructor's responsibility to add this time based on the course delivery schedule.
4. Application (activities, skills exercises, and formative testing) time will vary depending on the number of students enrolled and the acquired structure selected for training. The Application time documented is based on the maximum class size identified in the Course Details section.
5. Summative Assessments are determined and scheduled by the authority having jurisdiction. These are not the written or psychomotor State Fire Training certification exams. These are in-class assessments to evaluate student progress and calculate course grades.

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