

CHARTER

REGIONAL FIRE EQUIPMENT WORKING TEAM

2004

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Fire Equipment Working Team (FEWT) is established under the Fire, Aviation Management and Air leadership, Regional Director and the Forest Fire Management Officers (FFMOs). The working team serves to provide leadership, coordination and standardization in all matters concerning fire equipment.

PURPOSE:

FEWT will bring together individuals knowledgeable of local, regional, and national needs for technology and development. The Team will provide advice, council, and a coordinated platform for the standardization of all fire equipment, as well as a focal point for issue resolution, and information sharing to and from the field on issues concerning equipment, and/or related topics.

TEAM MEMBERSHIP:

The primary voting membership of FEWT will be comprised of eight individuals. Voting members are defined as the individual working team members only (listed below). There will also be a permanent advisory group consisting of a representative(s) from the Great Basin Cache, Intermountain Region, Northern Rockies Region and the Washington Office geographic areas. The advisory group will provide a link between Regional and National working groups as well as the Technology and Development Centers. Advisors could be added depending on complexity of issues. The Chairperson and the Co-chair are part of the voting team membership and will serve for *two years*, (January 1 to December 31) and will be nominated and voted in by the team members.

FIRE EQUIPMENT WORKING TEAM MEMBERS AND ADVISORS:

Team Members:

Idaho/Wyoming Rep.
Utah Rep.
Nevada Rep.
Smoke Jumpers
Helicopters
Engines
Hot Shots
Fleet Rep

Advisors:

Great Basin Cache
Region 1 Rep
Region 4 Fire Operations
Region 4 FFMOs Rep
Region 4 Safety
Region 4 Engineering
Technology and Development from MTDC and SDTDC
BLM advisor

TEAM/INDIVIDUAL MEMBER ROLES:

1. Evaluate field proposals, determine research, development or technical transfer needs presented to the Team.
2. Review progress on projects or proposals previously considered and then follow-up or implement for the Program of Work spreadsheet.
3. Recommend to the Director and FFMOs opportunities for standardization, cost efficiencies, safety considerations, etc., as they come to light at the local and regional level.
4. Provide a communication channel to/from the field and the various committees/groups for exchange of information on equipment needs, and regional direction.
5. Develop strategies and implementation plans for providing safe, effective, and efficient fire equipment for Director and FFMOs review.

FEWT MEETINGS:

The Team will meet twice a year (or more often as needed) at a location determined by the Team membership. A spring meeting will review any work in progress and consider new project proposals. A fall/winter meeting will finalize the program of work for the coming year and review accomplishments. Team members and advisors should make every effort to provide an alternate or substitute when they are unavailable to attend bi-annual meetings. Bi-annual meetings are scheduled for the third week of March and the third week of October every calendar year (schedule dependent).

APPROVAL:

This Charter is effective as of the date of approval with signature of the Regional Director of Fire, Aviation and Air. The Charter may be revised upon recommendation of a majority of the Team members and with the concurrence of the Regional Director and Forest Fire Management Officers.

Mike Dudley

Director/R4 FAA

Date