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TO: FIRESCOPE Board of Directors
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FROM: FIRESCOPE Operations Team, Task Force & Rapid Extraction Module Support
(REMS) Subcommittee

SUBJECT: REMS CREW MEMBER JOB AID (ICS 1220)

SUMMARY

Wildland firefighting is an inherently dangerous profession. While safety is the primary concern during all operations, unintended incidents can result in injury or illness to wildland firefighters. The REMS team provides firefighters who cannot egress under their own power with safe and secure transport off the fire line while simultaneously receiving the appropriate medical care.

A REMS team requires one of the four members to be single resource boss qualified. This process is accomplished through a single resource boss position task book. The REMS crew member must complete the required training (Rope Rescue Operations, Rope Rescue Technician, Wildland Firefighter 1 & 2 qualified) per the FIRESCOPE OSD ICS-162 document. This required training comes with student task books that prepare the student for the necessary rope and wildland skills for REMS.

The REMS subcommittee has come to an agreement that a position task book is not necessary for a REMS crew member. The REMS subcommittee would like to implement a "Job Aid" for the position of REMS crew member. This job aid will give an opportunity for the REMS crew member to perform skills in the form of RT-130 and REMS training/refresher through the AHJ prior to being deployed on a REMS team.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The REMS Subcommittee is recommending the development of a REMS Crew Member Job Aid (ICS 1220) that will provide the recommended skills for REMS Crew Member. These lists of skills will be vetted through the FIRESCOPE REMS Subcommittee who are subject matter experts in REMS. The job aid will eliminate the need for a position task book for REMS crew member.



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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The REMS Crew Member Job Aid will be implemented once approved by FIRESCOPE BOD. This job aid will be referred to in the ICS 162-4 (REMS OSD) and be posted as job aid ICS-1220.

FINDINGS

In 2022, the FIRESCOPE ICS-223 was approved by the BOD. This document breaks down the typing, training, qualifications, and minimum equipment list. The REMS leader is a single resource boss that must complete a task book. In order to help prepare the REMS team for a deployment, the REMS crew member(s) will have a "Job Aid" to cover the necessary skills in a wildland environment through AHJ training in the form of drill or RT-130. The job aid will help REMS crew member understand the expectations of a REMS team by breaking down the skills into understandable steps.

Currently, the USFS uses job aids for certain positions that position task books are not necessary. Job aids serve as valuable training tools. The job aid will help newly qualified REMS personnel with understanding the skills needed in a high stress situation or emergency during an Incident Within Incident.

CONCLUSION

In closing, the REMS Crew Member Job Aid (ICS 1220) would benefit each REMS team and the firefighter having the Incident Within Incident. The importance of completing the necessary skills in a wildland environment will provide an understanding of how dynamic REMS missions can be. Physical fitness and backcountry rescue is the priority of a REMS team, and this job aid will help prepare the REMS crew member for a REMS deployment.