

2nd Annual Southern Oregon Wildfire School



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June 26-27, 2021



Topics To Be Covered

(Subject to change based on conditions)

- Air Operations Introduction
- Sling Load Operations
- Air-Ground Communications
- Low-complexity Burnout
(subject to weather & fuels)
- Engine Operations
- Holding Operations
- Fireline Construction
- Line Safety Officer training

Target Audience

All participants must meet the training standards of the Oregon Mobilization Plan.

- Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1)
- Single Resource Boss—Engine
- Strike Team/Task Force Leader
- Line Safety Officer

Course Overview

The Southern Oregon Wildfire School (SOWS) will provide a hands-on training experience to structural firefighters who are working to complete their initiated NWCG FFT1, SRB-E, or ST/TF Leader task books. Please note the following:

- This course is NOT intended to sign off or complete a task book at the end of the course.

This course is designed to give the participant simulated real-life experiences coordinating aircraft, conducting low-complexity burning operations, and participating in Engine Boss and FFT1 specific tasks, such as deploying hoselines, pump and roll, and holding operations.

While this training will cover various aspects ranging from FFT2 through Command & General Staff positions, the training focus is:

- Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1/ICT5)
- Single Resource Boss (ENGB)
- ST/TF Leader (STEN)

Our goals for this course and for the participants include, but are not limited to:

- Provide a safe environment for instructors and students
- Provide real-life scenarios for firefighters and incident managers in a controlled learning environment
- Provide training and education on the proper procedures for Check-In and Demobilization
- Develop inter-agency cooperative awareness
- Provide training and education to meet portions of the following NWCG position task books:
 - Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1/ICT5)
 - Single Resource Boss (ENGB)
 - ST/TF Leader (STEN)
- Provide training and experience opportunities for various Overhead positions
- Observe COVID-19 and social distancing requirements throughout the event as need

Additional Course Information:

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Attendees are encouraged to attend both days; however, personnel swaps will be allowed at the beginning of Day 2 with prior notification.

Time: 0700-1800 each day

Location:

Regional Training Center (FD3)
and the Denman Wildlife Refuge
Area

Cost: \$25 per person

The fee helps cover costs associated with the event. This is not a "for profit" course.

Student Priority:

Priority will be given to local students/resources first. This is considered current members of the RITA and/or the RVFCA.



IMPORTANT ATTENDEE INFORMATION

ALL ATTENDEES

You must arrive with a Task Book initiated by your respective agency. The instructors and supervisors (Cadre) managing the event will sign and complete **ONLY** the areas of the Task Book in which they can specifically observe performance. The Cadre cannot "sign off" a Task Book for completion; completion and final sign off certification of any Task Book for any position is the responsibility of the trainee's home agency.

- Attendance is encouraged for both days. The schedule is set up to rotate stations on Day 2. If you are in the Engine Group on Day 1, you will be in the Air Group on Day 2, and vice versa.
- All attendees are required to participate for the entire day they signed up for.
- Complete wildland PPE is required, no exceptions!
- Bring a copy of the current IRPG with you (April 2018, Purple)
- A portable radio is preferred but not required.
- Participants will be required to provide their own food for the day. We encourage you to pack your own lunch; eating facilities around White City can get busy and will cause delays.
- All attendees must bring an adequate supply of drinking water for the entire day.

FFT1 & ENGINE BOSS ATTENDEES

You must provide a suitable apparatus from your agency (Type 3 or Type 6 engines are preferred).

NOTE: Engines will be required to DRAFT from portable tanks to refill throughout the event.

STRIKE TEAM/TASK FORCE LEADER ATTENDEES

You must show up with a fire department vehicle and **NOT** on an engine with the crew. There is also a mandatory ST/TF Leader operational briefing with the Cadre at the Fire District 3 Regional Training Center at 0700.

DESIGNATED SIGNERS

We are also asking agencies to provide a "Designated Signer" who can facilitate actual Task Book sign-offs. RITA will work with students who are unable to provide their own Designated Signer.

Schedule of Events

(subject to change)

Important information for this event to occur:

June 21, 2021—The IMT will conduct a Go/No-Go assessment based on current and forecasted weather/fire behavior.

June 23, 2021—The IMT will conduct a Go/No-Go assessment based on registrations and availability of resources.

Tentative Daily Schedule:

Time	Description of Event
0700	IMT and Task Force Leader Briefing
0730	Check In for all resources and personnel
0800	Operational Briefing
0830	Firing Operations and Air Operations classroom breakout sessions
1000	Firing Operations and Air Operations field exercises
1200	Lunch in the field (45 minutes)
1300	Firing Operations and Air Operations field exercises
1600	Task Book Sign Off—Demobilization
1730	Command & General Staff Debrief

Wanna Play? Here's How...

Register online at www.orrta.com

Class size is limited to approximately 60 students (4 strike teams)

For additional information or questions please contact:

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