



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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March 27, 2024

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Division Chief Widdison

SUBJECT: Wildland Refresher Training

2024 wildland refresher training will consist of four components:

1. Shelter deployment
2. Pack test
3. Hands-on multi-company training
4. LMS assignments completed in the station with your crew

Shelter Deployment:

All Operations personnel will be responsible for completing the annual shelter deployment exercise. This will be done using practice shelters available in each Battalion through the Battalion Chiefs. Completion is to be documented in LMS.

Pack test:

All Operations personnel will be assigned the test through LMS with a required completion date of May 1, 2024. The pack test must be performed under the direction of your station officer and can be completed on a course of your choosing (high school track, road course, etc.). The test consists of a 3 mile walk on level ground with a 45-pound weight vest or pack and must be completed within 45 minutes. Completion is to be documented in LMS.

Hands-On Multi-Company Training:

Beginning May 6, each station will be scheduled to attend hands-on practical training. These sessions will be held at Camp Williams using on-site assets to simulate a wildland fire. The focus will be primarily on mobile attack operations. Progressive hose lays will be required from some crews depending on evolution flow and work area. The training schedules are already on station calendars. Details on units, timeframes, and needed equipment are listed in the station calendar invites. It may also be helpful to review the wildland hose pack information available in the Wildland files in LMS. Day staff are welcome to attend any of the scheduled hands-on training sessions, scheduled dates and times can be found on the Public Relations calendar.

LMS Assigned Training:

Each individual will be assigned a wildland refresher module via LMS (Target Solutions). The training will consist of viewing the assigned videos (listed below) and facilitating discussion with your crew. All assignments must be completed by May 11, 2024

Fire Shelter deployment video: [WFSTAR: The New Generation Fire Shelter](#)

Wildland fire on Army installations: [Wildland Fire on US Army Installations](#)

Working with Heavy Equipment: [Working With Heavy Equipment](#)

Santiago fire shelter deployment video: [WFSTAR: Santiago Deployment Story \(MTDC\)](#)

ODF Mobile attack video: [Mobile Attack - Wildfire Tactics](#)

Mobile Attack Hot Pot fire: [Hot Pot Fire Mobile Attack](#)

This video shows many different aspects of mobile attack. Please take note of questions you may have that can be answered in the hands-on training in May. While watching this short video with your crew, try to identify the following tactics and techniques.

- Repositioning engine
- Driving in black or green
- Position of nozzle operator
- Location of Engine Captain
- Wind direction and flame lengths
- Strip firing along road
- Firing off road, then extinguishing
- Cutting fence for access
- Transition from direct attack to indirect burning

Any questions, please contact your shift Duty Officer:

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