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Good Morning Everyone,

Sorry this was delayed, but here it is. As we discussed, it would be a good idea, if you support it, for each member of the working group to contact their region commanders about recommending a few changes in the draft 60-3 that is currently available for comment. A quick summary of what we discussed is provided below.

The working group of the national emergency services curriculum project had a very productive meeting in Atlanta last weekend, and as we were reviewing suggested curriculum changes, the group came up with some ideas that could be implemented quickly, and help a lot of the members.

In reviewing the requirements for the incident staff and ground team members, the group thinks that we should implement levels in our incident commander and ground team training programs. A junior IC with introductory ICS training and CAP mission management training could easily run our normal ELT missions, and then with more training experience could then run more difficult missions. A junior ground team member under proper supervision could also work effectively in the field, and with levels in his or her training could work towards becoming a team leader, while also getting more team members in the field. With all of the potential missions that we could be looking at in the future, nevermind our current load, we think it would be smart to build these stepping stones in soon, and get more personnel into the training pipeline for these specialties.

Additionally, many of our members could use a short job description for each specialty qualification. These jobs have changed so much in recent years, it would help to give each job a mission statement of some sort in the regulation so that everyone knows the expectations before they serve in the position.

Those, combined with changes to the training requirements that we hope to have done by the end of this summer, will help us meet our mission requirements, and get better prepared for ES, CD, and HLS missions.

Hope that helps.

John D.

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