



Today's discussion is from the Fireline Safety Category.

OPERATIONAL BRIEFINGS

Operational briefings are critical to safe fire operations. To ensure a consistent and effective briefing, a standardized briefing checklist should always be used. The following checklist is printed on the cover of the NWCG Incident Response Pocket Guide:

● Situation:

- Fire name, location, map orientation, other incidents in the area
- Terrain influences
- Fuel type and conditions
- Fire weather (previous, current, and expected)
- Fire behavior (previous, current, and expected)

● Mission/Execution:

- Command (Incident Commander/immediate supervisor)
- Leader's intent
- Specific tactical assignments
- Contingency plans

● Communications:

- Communication Plan (tactical, command, air/ground frequencies, cell phone numbers, etc.)
- Medevac Plan

● Service/Support:

- Other resources that may be working adjacent to you and those available to order
- Aviation operations
- Logistics (e.g., transportation, supplies, equipment)

● Risk Management:

- Identify known hazards and risks
- Identify control measures to eliminate hazards and reduce risk
- Identify trigger points for disengagement or reevaluation of operational plan

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Fireline Handbook](#)

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