

After Incident Report

Lessons Learned, NARTC

The purpose of the After Incident Report is to identify issues that occurred on an incident and how they were resolved. The lessons learned in the report will also be used to refresh or update training curriculums. Issues and trends that are identified may have Fire Action Collection Teams assigned to them in the future for further analysis and resolution.

Incident Management Teams and Agency Administrators are asked to complete the following questionnaire for the incident(s) that they managed:

Incident Name **Cherry** Dates of Assignment **6/8-6/18/02**

Unit or Jurisdiction(s) **El Malpais NM (NPS)** Geographic Area **SW**

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1. What was the most notable success at the incident that others may learn from?
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 - IMT was pre-staged in the in the SW GACC—made for easy mobilization to incident.
 - SW MAC worked well, with good opportunity for IMT involvement.
 - Joint Agency Administrator briefing/Delegation; good clear direction.
 - Excellent Agency Administrator involvement.
 - Use of R-3 Smokejumper booster crew as overhead worked well.
 - Used FEMA van for communications—worked well (no other options).
 - Developed good comprehensive structure protection contingencies and plans.
2. What were some of the most difficult challenges faced and how were they overcome?
 - First incident for IMT under 30-Mile Abatement Plan—interpreted as guidance and not direction in this GACC. Experienced some problems with proper red card and pre-season refresher documentation, shift length issues.
 - ICP and base camp separated initially due to communications limitations and dust issues for computers—generally resolved once merged.
 - Incident was on unit not accustomed to having large fires.
 - Inconsistent direction on interpretation of work/rest issues (still an issue).
3. What changes, additions or deletions are recommended to various training curriculums?

None.

4. What issues were not resolved to your satisfaction and need further review? Based on what was learned, what is your recommendation for resolution?

None.

Please submit this report to the Lessons Learned Program at the National Advanced Resource Technology Center (NARTC) attention Rich Wands (rwands@fs.fed.us or Rich_Wands@nps.gov or by Fax 520-670-6413)

Thank you for completing the report. Others can learn from your experiences.