

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:

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| Incident Name | Dates of Assignment |
| Missionary Ridge | 6/9-6/17 |
| Unit or Jurisdiction(s) | Geographic Area |
| COSJF | R-3 |
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1. What was the most notable success at the incident that others may learn from?
 - 1- Support from the local emergency services organizations was exceptional.

2. What were some of the most difficult challenges faced and how were they overcome?
 - 1- Creating a working Unified Command structure with the local Sheriffs and RFD's. The team worked with the local FMO to bring the group together and elect an incident commander to represent them in a unified command structure. The person that was elected had never functioned in that role. The transition occurred just prior to the fire making a major run in which several homes were destroyed.
 - 2- Working on a unit not used to large multi-day fire assignments. The team worked closely with the District Ranger, "who had little fire experience" to complete WFSA's, assign resource advisors, and create realistic goals with limited resources and extreme fire behavior.
 - 3- The transition from type two to one did not go smoothly. The transition occurred during blowup conditions, and safety was compromised on two separate occasions. The team meet following the transition and discussed how things could have been improved.
 - 4- The fire was located in very steep inaccessible terrain. Resources were limited for the first couple of shifts. Obtainable objectives were prioritized; tactics chosen were based on command structure, span of control and firefighter safety.
 - 5- Some local BLM and Forest employees had not yet received standards for survival training, even though fire season had been going for some time.

3. What changes, additions or deletions are recommended to various training curriculums?
 - 1- Depending on how WFSA's are going to be used in the future, need to have formal training outlined and perhaps create a task book.

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

The team was reviewed by three separate groups during the fire assignment, FAST, ASAT, and 30 mile compliance. They need to be combined; FAST teams should be configured to conduct any needed reviews.

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.