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Subject: Incident Brief/Expanded 72hr report, Region 6 Physical Training Incident

To: Jim Peña, Regional Forester

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCATION: Pacific Northwest Region

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: April 19, 2016

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Approximately 1715 Hours

ACTIVITY: Physical Training Run

NUMBER OF INJURIES/ ILLNESS: One

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: None

PROPERTY DAMAGE: None

NARRATIVE:

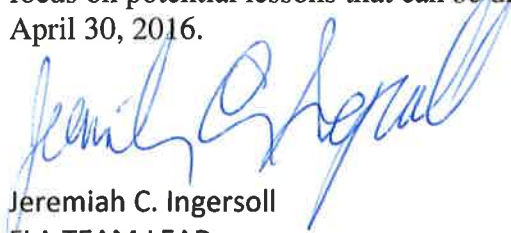
On day 2 of critical training for a Pacific Northwest (PNW) Hotshot Crew, a new crewmember became subject to a heat related illness during a Physical Training (PT) run. The run course consisted of several hills through a neighborhood and was approximately 7 miles long. After stretching and being given a briefing on the run course, the expectations were also explained. Crewmembers noted that they began the run at approximately 1600 hours.

The affected crewmember was running up the final hill of the course when others noticed the crewmember looked extremely pale and was clearly staggering from side-to-side. There were 2 crew EMTs on scene; they immediately took action by helping the crewmember to the shade and beginning proper protocol for a heat related illness. Within a matter of approximately 2 minutes the affected crewmember went unconscious, which prompted the EMT in charge to call for an ambulance. The crew superintendent rode along in the ambulance the short distance to the hospital, while the remainder of the crew returned to the Hotshot station.

The affected crewmember remained unconscious for several hours and was diagnosed as having suffered from heat stroke. After a four day hospital stay the crewmember was released to light duty. Further medical evaluation will be needed to confirm a return to full duty.



The Regional Forester has enacted the utilization of a Facilitated Learning Analysis (FLA) to focus on potential lessons that can be drawn from this event. The FLA team was in briefed on April 30, 2016.



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