



22 October 2014

Safety Matters Team
c/o Barry Hicks
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Re: 08 July 2014 Correspondence – Safety Matters

To: All Safety Matters Team Members

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Risk Management Committee (RMC) would like to thank-you for your comments with regard to firefighter safety.

Based upon recent trends and feedback from firefighters, the RMC has created a list of work priorities. Several of the areas of concern identified by Safety Matters fall within these priorities identified below:

- Medical Emergency Response Planning
- Risk Management – inclusive of strategic, planning, operational, and time-critical levels
- Firefighter fitness, nutrition, and human performance
- Long term health exposure studies
- Information and lessons learned sharing
- Radio communication frequency management

Firefighter safety is an ongoing, evolving process. In collaboration with many partners, NWCG committees continue to emphasize and share a commitment to work together to increase the safety of firefighters.

For questions or comments on this response please contact NWCG Program Manager, Sean Cross at scross@blm.gov or call 208-387-5444.

Thank-you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Smith
Chair
National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)