# National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Friday, September 11, 2015 - 0530 MT National Preparedness Level 4

#### **National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (90 new fires)
New large incidents:	1
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	37
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	13

<sup>\*\*</sup> Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

Two hundred soldiers from the 17<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade based out of Fort Lewis, Washington are deployed in Washington state.

Two MAFFS C-130 Airtankers are assigned to Channel Islands, California in support of wildland fire operations.

Sixty-eight fireline management personnel from Australia and New Zealand are assigned to support large fires in the Northwest Area.

## Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	7
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	17
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

**Okanogan Complex (2 fires)**, Northeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Lietch). Eleven miles northwest of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**North Star**, Colville Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Minton) to IMT 1 (McGowen) will occur tomorrow. IMT is also managing the Tunk Block fire. Twenty-four miles east of Omak, WA. Timber and closed timber litter. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Tunk Block**, Northeast Region, DNR. Ten miles northeast of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Canyon Creek Complex**, Malheur NF. IMT 2 (Goff). Two miles south of John Day, OR. Timber and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with group torching, uphill runs and backing. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Chelan Complex (3 fires)**, Southeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Allbee). Started on BLM land one mile south of Chelan, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with single tree torching and backing. Road and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Carpenter Rd**, Spokane Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Johnson). Five miles south of Fruitland, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Kettle Complex (3 fires)**, Colville NF. IMT 2 (Ciraulo). Fifteen miles northeast of Republic, WA. Timber and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Kaniksu Complex (2 fires)**, Colville NF. IMT 2 (Tom Kurth). Ten miles northeast of Usk, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Wolverine**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Rabe). IMT is also managing the First Creek fire. Three miles northwest of Lucerne, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**First Creek**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Eight miles northwest of Chelan, WA. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

**Cougar Creek**, Yakama Agency, BIA. Six miles northwest of Glenwood, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**National Creek Complex,** Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Eleven miles southwest of Diamond Lake, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with group torching. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Oven**, Prineville District, BLM. Three miles east of Maupin, OR. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, short-range spotting and creeping. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Alder Lake**, Gifford Pinchot NF. Seven miles south of Eatonville, WA. Closed timber litter. Minimal fire behavior with creeping. Structures threatened.

Incident	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn /	Est	Perso	onnel		ource		Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Onit	Acres	Chge	/0	Comp	ESI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	39 CID	Own
Okanogan Complex	WA-NES	132,634	0	85	Ctn	9/15	982	0	19	41	5	152	33.3M	ST
North Star	WA-COA	211,356	1,241	45	Ctn	10/15	1,317	0	33	73	5	1	22.2M	BIA
Tunk Block	WA-NES	162,693	33	75	Ctn	9/30	571	0	17	38	4	0	4.7M	ST
Canyon Creek Complex	OR-MAF	110,406	0	87	Ctn	9/20	418	-95	10	5	3	53	28.7M	FS
Chelan Complex	WA-SES	88,505	-179	78	Ctn	10/01	387	-128	7	28	0	47	19.2M	BLM
Carpenter Rd.	WA-SPA	65,068	0	90	Ctn	9/12	574	-281	15	33	2	42	20M	BIA
Kettle Complex	WA-COF	76,621	0	60	Ctn	10/15	971	3	26	36	3	2	22.8M	FS

Incident	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn /	Est	Perso	onnel		ource		Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Onit	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	ESI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	39 CID	Own
Kaniksu Complex	WA-COF	26,148	-17	70	Comp	10/01	685	-23	17	16	5	0	20.3M	FS
Wolverine	WA-OWF	65,355	0	35	Comp	10/15	446	3	1	14	5	4	137K	FS
First Creek	WA-OWF	7,490	0	90	Ctn	9/15	87	0	3	6	0	19	4.7M	FS
Cougar Creek	WA-YAA	53,534	11	97	Ctn	9/15	365	-66	11	12	1	0	19.2M	BIA
National Creek Complex	OR-RSF	16,443	0	70	Ctn	10/01	121	0	2	2	4	0	16.8M	FS
Oven	OR-PRD	1,100	-700	60	Ctn	NR	91	65	2	5	3	0	100K	BLM
Alder Lake	WA-GPF	280	0	20	Ctn	10/01	55	-22	2	3	0	0	2.6M	FS

### Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	27
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2

**Rough,** Sierra NF. IMT 1 (Pechota), IMT 1 (Opliger) and NIMO (Reinarz). Five miles north of Hume, CA. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior with crowning, short crown runs and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Tenaya**, Yosemite NP. Two miles north of Yosemite Valley, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, flanking and creeping. Area and trail closures in effect.

Incident	Unit	Si	ze	o/ Ctn /		o/ Ctn /		o/ Ctn /		o/ Ctn /	o/ Ctn / E	% Ctn /		Ctn /	Ctn /	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Offic	Acres	Chge	/0	Comp	LSI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	39 CID	Own										
Rough	CA-SNF	110,134	6,890	29	Ctn	NR	2,229	62	50	142	14	4	78.9M	FS										
Tenaya	CA-YNP	455	24	25	Ctn	9/16	270	29	8	8	4	0	450K	NPS										

#### **Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	9
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2
Uncontained large fires: Type 1 IMTs committed:	2

**Wheeler**, Northeast Area, DOF. Ten miles southwest of Heber City, UT. Chaparral, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Tepee Springs,** Payette NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Ourada) to IMT 2 (Wilcox) will occur today. Twenty miles south of Riggins, ID. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Elevenmile**, Salmon-Challis NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Martin) back to the local unit will occur today. Fifteen miles west of Challis, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Oak Grove**, Dixie NF. Fifteen miles northeast St. George, UT. Timber, chaparral and brush. Extreme fire behavior with short crown runs and isolated torching.

Incident	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn /	Est	Perso	onnel	Reso			Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Offic	Acres	Chge	/0	Comp	ESI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	99 CID	Own
Wheeler	UT-NES	640	-110	50	Ctn	9/12	242	10	9	2	2	1	1M	ST
Tepee Springs	ID-PAF	94,903	146	77	Comp	10/15	754	-29	18	26	7	4	21.9M	FS
Elevenmile	ID-SCF	10,397	0	55	Comp	10/15	286	-12	6	3	1	0	8.2M	FS
Oak Grove	UT-DIF	770	420	10	Ctn	9/30	123	3	5	0	2	0	780K	FS
Phrag	UT-NWS	334	255	100	Ctn		0	-55	0	0	0	0	350K	ST

NWS - Wasatch Front Area, DOF

#### Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	27
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

<sup>\*</sup> **Butte**, Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Gouvea). One mile north of Mokelumne Hill, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior with short crown runs, group torching and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Gasquet Complex (2 fires),** Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Garwood). Thirteen miles northeast of Crescent City, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**River Complex,** Shasta-Trinity NF. Three miles southwest of Denny, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with group torching, uphill runs and backing. Area and trail closures in effect.

**South Complex,** Shasta-Trinity NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Jay Kurth) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Five miles north of Hyampom, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Incident	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn /	Est	Pers	onnel	Reso	ource	s	Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Offic	Acres	Chge	/0	Comp	ESI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	99 CID	Own
* Butte	CA-AEU	14,700		10	Ctn	NR	805		20	82	16	8	2.2M	ST
Gasquet Complex	CA-SRF	29,254	385	48	Ctn	10/15	696	-30	16	26	4	0	33.7M	FS
River Complex	CA-SHF	73,696	1,028	40	Ctn	10/01	196	0	4	11	3	0	29.7M	FS
South Complex	CA-SHF	29,416	0	89	Ctn	10/01	269	-13	2	15	2	3	31.7M	FS

#### Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires:	4
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	11
Area Command Teams committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Area Command Team (Hughes) is assigned to the Grangeville, ID area for large fire support.

**Motorway Complex (10 fires),** Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. IMT 1 (Ruggiero). IMT is also managing the Jay Pt/Boulder fire. Ten miles east of Kooskia, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Jay Pt/Boulder (2 fires)**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Five miles south of Powell Junction, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Selway/Elk City/Red River Complex (6 fires),** Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. IMT 1 (Dueitt). Forty-one miles west of Darby, MT. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Avery Complex (3 fires)**, Idaho Panhandle NF. IMT 2 (Rosenthal). Timber, medium logging slash and brush. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Goat Rock Complex (4 fires)**, Kootenai NF. IMT 2 (Russell). IMT is also managing the Sawtooth, Napoleon 1 and Government fires. Eight miles southwest of Libby, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Sawtooth**, Kootenai NF. Twenty miles south of Troy, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Napoleon 1**, Kootenai NF. Five miles north of Noxon, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Government**, Kootenai NF.0 Five miles north of Noxon, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area closures in effect.

**Last Inch,** Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protective Association. Twelve miles east of Clarkia, ID. Timber. No new information.

Incident	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn /	Est	Perso	onnel	Reso	ource	es	Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Offic	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	ESI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	33 CID	Own
Motorway Complex	ID-NCF	23,556	147	45	Ctn	NR	655	-34	15	24	3	0	12.4M	FS
Jay Pt/ Boulder	ID-NCF	9,744	0	35	Comp	NR	13	1	0	2	0	1	1.5M	FS
Selway/Elk City/Red River Complex	ID-NCF	94,410	0	9	Comp	NR	399	23	8	14	6	6	9.8M	FS

Incident Unit		Size		%	Ctn / Est	Ect	Personnel		Resources			Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin
Name	Onit	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	ESI	Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli	Lost	39 CID	Own
Avery Complex	ID-IPF	4,673	0	46	Comp	NR	446	26	9	17	1	0	6.3M	FS
Goat Rock Complex	MT-KNF	10,150	0	0	Comp	NR	133	-28	2	9	2	0	3.4M	FS
Sawtooth	MT-KNF	2,445	-12	0	Comp	NR	0	-2	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
Napoleon 1	MT-KNF	8,967	0	25	Comp	NR	22	-21	0	4	0	0	1K	FS
Government	MT-KNF	400	1	0	Comp	NR	27	20	1	2	0	0	1K	FS
Last Inch	ID-CTS	689		95	Ctn	9/11	49		2	0	1	0	2.2M	ST

Active	Active Incident Resource Summary											
GACC	Fires	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	<b>Total Personnel</b>						
AKCC	1	4,862	1	0	1	24						
NWCC	26	1,227,886	188	351	48	8,019						
ONCC	6	154,652	47	148	26	2,244						
oscc	7	110,780	78	190	25	3,072						
NRCC	39	500,863	55	117	19	2,854						
GBCC	14	119,165	41	42	14	1,532						
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0						
RMCC	2	700	1	5	1	33						
EACC	1	1,012	0	0	0	0						
SACC	10	532	0	4	0	16						
Total	106	2,120,453	411	857	134	17,794						

# Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

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Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaaka Araa	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	5	2	7
Northwest Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	24	1	27
Northern California Area	ACRES	1	0	0	0	572	1,829	2,402
Coutharn California Araa	FIRES	0	1	0	0	11	15	27
Southern California Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	8	6,793	6,801
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Occasi Bassia Assa	FIRES	0	3	0	0	1	5	9
Great Basin Area	ACRES	0	4	0	0	50	196	250
Carethorna et Assa	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Southwest Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	8	5	13
Deels Meuntain Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	4	2	8
Rocky Mountain Area	ACRES	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
Costoro Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
Eastern Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Cavith are Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Southern Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
TOTAL FIRES:		2	6	0	0	55	27	90
TOTAL ACRES:		1	5	0	0	645	8,824	9,475

# Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	263	0	0	474	23	760
Alaska Alea	ACRES	0	4,108,687	0	0	1,082,287	769	5,191,743
Northwest Area	FIRES	264	293	39	74	1,426	1,310	3,406
Northwest Area	ACRES	234,893	242,020	14,656	11,514	39,194	509,796	1,052,073
Northern California Area	FIRES	132	30	5	28	2,702	930	3,827
Northern Camornia Area	ACRES	243	10,786	354	2	139,918	236,149	387,452
Southern California Area	FIRES	23	56	12	90	2,723	498	3,402
Southern Camornia Area	ACRES	107	1,988	12	5,321	24,243	178,664	210,335
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	926	90	5	21	1,222	1,106	3,370
	ACRES	14,770	13,788	685	23,517	192,617	432,872	678,249
Great Basin Area	FIRES	38	706	5	36	577	472	1,834
Gleat basiii Alea	ACRES	695	337,691	3	82	12,442	131,205	482,118
Couthwest Area	FIRES	425	185	6	32	500	794	1,942
Southwest Area	ACRES	54,009	5,352	62	3,799	17,290	117,914	198,426
Poolsy Mountain Area	FIRES	469	299	16	24	928	192	1,928
Rocky Mountain Area	ACRES	15,168	6,353	189	7,409	82,074	1,276	112,469
Eastern Area	FIRES	540	0	30	16	5,805	366	6,757
Eastern Area	ACRES	2,185	0	2,102	549	45,464	5,532	55,832
Southorn Aron	FIRES	315	0	37	14	17,304	302	17,972
Southern Area	ACRES	37,321	0	3,074	248	247,082	15,406	303,131
TOTAL FIRES:		3,132	1,922	155	335	33,661	5,993	45,198
TOTAL ACRES:		359,391	4,726,665	21,137	52,441	1,882,611	1,629,583	8,671,828

Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)	55,709
Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)	5,916,971

# Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska Alea	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Alea	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Camornia Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Rocky Mountain Area	ACRES	55	206	0	0	0	0	261
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lastem Alea	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FIRES:	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	
TOTAL ACRES:		55	206	0	0	0	0	261

## Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	5	0	0	2	0	7
Alaska Alea	ACRES	0	3,965	0	0	988	0	4,953
Northwest Area	FIRES	7	28	3	2	0	147	187
Northwest Alea	ACRES	2,457	17,778	51	49	0	23,534	43,869
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	12	11	0	113	136
Notthern California Area	ACRES	0	143	5,173	190	0	7,734	13,240
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	4	4	0	100	111
Southern Camornia Area	ACRES	0	78	495	268	0	1,860	2,701
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	31	28	4	5	139	217
Notthern Rockies Alea	ACRES	3,651	10,580	12,835	1,590	695	17,735	47,086
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	24	1	6	31	50	113
Great Dasiii Area	ACRES	24	1,447	1,060	86	1,713	17,361	21,691
Southwest Area	FIRES	32	29	8	7	0	142	218
Southwest Area	ACRES	606	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	73,656	100,192
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	21	37	61	11	61	81	272
Nocky Mountain Area	ACRES	2,145	6,641	16,521	1,153	3,287	22,361	52,108
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	264	22	1,401	158	1,875
Eastern Area	ACRES	39,398	0	33,267	6,637	66,052	49,780	195,134
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	154	11	8,736	707	9,696
Southern Area	ACRES	16,583	0	116,723	14,261	530,330	621,899	1,299,796
TOTAL FIRES:	189	157	535	78	10,236	1,637	12,832	
TOTAL ACRES:		64,864	59,520	188,561	28,840	603,065	835,920	1,780,770

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <a href="http://gacc.nifc.gov/">http://gacc.nifc.gov/</a>

<u>Predictive Services Discussion</u>: Isolated thunderstorms are expected over southern California with residual moisture associated with Tropical Storm Linda. Record heat 10 to 20 degrees above normal will result over much of the west today as a ridge of high pressure strengthens across the Great Basin. East of the Rockies a trough of low pressure and strong cold front will provide cooler temperatures but showers and thunderstorms from the Ohio Valley to the southern Plains.

http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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Leadership Category

Leaders often face difficult problems to which there are no simple, clear cut, by-the-book solutions. In these situations, leaders must use their knowledge, skill, experience, education, values, and judgment to make decisions and take or direct action. Command Presence is one element of a leader's effectiveness.

Command Presence is how leaders present themselves to others. More than anything else, the leader's Command Presence sets the tone for the Command Climate within an organization. (Command Climate refers to the environment within the influence of a particular leader and a good command climate is characterized by open communication, mutual trust and respect, freedom to raise issues and engage in debate, clear and attainable goals, and team-work.)

Character is the foundation of Command Presence. Leaders reveal their character in every interaction. Leaders must display a combination of personal attributes and behaviors that communicate to others that you are worthy of their trust and respect.

Another component of Command Presence—demeanor—speaks volumes to others. Poise and self-assurance play a large part in your ability as a leader to influence the actions of others.

Fire leaders take charge when in charge, lead from the front and act decisively in order to inspire confidence among team members. In times of crisis, a leader's Command Presence can be the critical factor in determining whether a team succumbs to pressures and dangers or stays focused to seize an opportunity to overcome and succeed.

#### Discussion Points

- Can you think of a leader with strong Command Presence? What were some of the behaviors that they exhibited?
- Does Command Presence look different for different situations? Explain.
- How do we develop Command Presence?
- Is Command Presence reflected in the 10 Standard Firefighting Orders?

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