



Wildfire Dispatcher Orientation

Overview/Description

This course is designed to provide candidates with the knowledge and skills necessary to function as a Wildfire Dispatcher. Candidates will receive an understanding of the wildfire business including why decisions are made, and how to direct resources to efficiently meet the existing or forecasted needs of the Forest Area.

Candidates are trained in dispatching, radio protocol, aircraft, communication, resource association, fire behavior and mapping basics in order to prepare them to effectively contribute to the overall forest protection effort as Wildfire Dispatchers. In-depth training will be provided in the Dispatch program including e-logging, Dispatch Information, ATRs, Air Advisories, Quick Picks, best practices and troubleshooting. Emergency procedures for aircraft, lookouts and manpower will also be covered.

The course also includes components of FIRES, Aware and FireDrive. Successful completion of this training course meets academic certification requirements for the position of Fireline Radio Operator.

Target Audience

Forestry and Parks employees, contract and seasonal staff.

Candidates must be returning or new seasonal Wildfire Dispatchers.

Candidates must be fully conversant with the Dispatch/Fireline Glossary of terms.

This course is not open to the general public.

Prerequisites

Successful completion of the Incident Command System I-100.

Successful completion of pre-course material assigned by the dispatch supervisor.

Successful completion of the Industry Canada Radio Operator's (ROC-A) exam/certificate (preferred).

Registration

Forestry Division employees register through your local training contact.

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