

# CALIFORNIA WILDLAND FIRE COORDINATING GROUP



DATE: April 8, 2016

SUBJECT: FI-210 Wildland Fire Investigation

TO: Selected Course Participant

Congratulations! You have been selected as a trainee for the FI-210 Fire Investigation session to be held at the Northern California Training Center in Redding, CA. The Course will commence on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 0800 hours and conclude on Friday, June 10, 2016 at 1500 hours.

## **Course Description:**

The primary purpose of this course is to provide a consistent knowledge and skill base for the Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination Investigator (INVF). The concepts taught in this course will help an INVF perform at an acceptable level on a national basis without regard to geographic boundaries. The course is presented by lectures, electronic presentations, field exercises and class discussion.

NOTE: Field Exercises are based on the weather and if things are dry enough to burn. Some Field exercises may not happen.

## **Target Group:**

Recommended training for experienced fire personnel and law enforcement officers with wildland fire investigation responsibilities.

## **Prerequisites:**

It is recommended that students have law enforcement or firefighter experience. This is an interactive self-paced pre-course work to familiarize students with the background information necessary to successfully complete the course. If you are a non-sworn USFS employee, please note that according to FSM 5109.17, you must be a qualified Forest Protection Officer (FPO) in order to be signed off as an INVF. FPO status requires additional training, an extensive background check, and a clean record. This check is more rigorous and in addition to your initial hire background check.

## **Pre-study Assignment/Special Student Information:**

A pre course study assignment will consist of reviewing the INVF Task Book, select sections of the S-290 (Intermediate Fire Behavior) curriculum and some ICS review.

Pre-course material can be obtained on-line <http://onlinetraining.nwcg.gov/node/186> if for some reason you are unable to access this from your work computer; you can usually access it from your home personal computer. If you are still having problems, please send an email to the Training Center ([nctc\\_training@fs.fed.us](mailto:nctc_training@fs.fed.us)) with an address to mail the CD of Prework to you. If you are able to access it online, scroll down to Reference Material and click on Start Tutorial.

This pre-work must be completed and returned on the first day of class. Class practicum will depend upon this reading, so it is imperative it is done.

***Please bring with you*** writing material, i.e. pens/pencil and pad of paper. You must bring PPE (personal protective equipment), consisting of nomex shirt and pants, gloves, hardhat, line gear with fire shelter, 8" leather boots with vibram soles, and eye protection, water and sunscreen. If available to you, please bring a digital camera and/or laptop computer which would be useful in completing the scenarios and final project.

If you have any questions on the pre-study and your training officer can't help you, you may contact one of the Lead instructors, Scott McIntyre, at [smcintyre@fs.fed.us](mailto:smcintyre@fs.fed.us).

**Due to the complexity of this session, be aware that the session hours each day may go over 8 hours. Please talk with your supervisor on how you will be compensated for this extra time prior to attending. The Training Center is not responsible for OT hours.**

Stay connected to the course you have been identified in, you may request that you be added to a mailing list that will email you. You will only receive one message per day (in the morning) and only if there was a change the day before for your session. Please note (although it isn't updated every day just when there is significant changes) when the Selection Roster is updated you will also get a message that there has been a change to your session. To add you to this list click on the following link:

[http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/schedule/detail/ca\\_FI210\\_06-06-2016\\_5219](http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/schedule/detail/ca_FI210_06-06-2016_5219)

on the right hand side of the page click on **Subscribe** and follow the instructions. You may reverse this by clicking on the **Unsubscribe** button also.

For Logistical Information, please see the Logistics page included in the download section of Course Details for your session.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Training Center at 530-226-2720.