

# CALIFORNIA WILDLAND FIRE COORDINATING GROUP



DATE: December 4, 2015

SUBJECT: S-336 Tactical Decision Making at Northern California Training Center

TO: Selected Course Participant

Congratulations! You have been selected as a trainee for the S336 Tactical Decision Making (new course title: N9025 Tactical Decisions & Sandtables) to be held at the Northern California Training Center in Redding, CA. The Course will commence on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 1000 and conclude on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 1200 hours.

## **Course Information:**

In November of 2015, an executive decision was made by NWCG to discontinue the use of the S-336, Tactical Decision Games course. It was determined, with the development of other scenario and leadership-based courses coming out in the future, this course would demonstrate redundancy and reduce course effectiveness. Given the course was allocated earlier this year for CA, the Northern California Training Center (NCTC) recognizes the value of this course to supplement current curriculum offered with other courses.

## **Course Description:**

The intent of the course is to increase the students' knowledge in tactics and strategy and help the students become more proficient in decision making in wildland fire at the TFLD STLD ICT 4 level. This is done through simulations/sand tables and tactical decision games.

## **Trainee prerequisites are:**

- It is suggested that you be fully qualified as a SRB and/or ICT4.
- You need to also complete the Pre-Course work. (S336)
- This is an interactive course. Students must be willing to be an active participant in class.

In the download section, you will find the Tactical Decision Making in Wildland Fire Pre-Course workbook (S336), that you will need to read before the start of class. Please bring this with you and be prepared to discuss.

## **Please bring the following items to class the first day:**

1. Completed Pre-Course Work– Tactical Decision Making in Wildland Fire (S336).
2. Students are required to bring a current version of the Incident Response Pocket Guide, and the Fireline Handbook to the course.
3. Maps, sketches, photos, plausible scenarios, and any other files that would aid the group in producing a polished STEX for national use.

4. Students should also be familiar with the acronyms SA (Situational Awareness) and RMP (Risk Management Process) found in the IRPG.
5. Read the entire “Rules and Tools” Document associated with this session. Also found in the download section of this course session. (link in #7 below)
6. Complete the Student Profile and email it to Pat Bell ([pjbell@fs.fed.us](mailto:pjbell@fs.fed.us)) by **January 21, 2016!** You can find it under the download section with the link below:  
[http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/schedule/detail/ca\\_S336\\_01-25-2016\\_5201](http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/schedule/detail/ca_S336_01-25-2016_5201)

Casual attire will be the dress for the course. This means attire suitable for public contact. There will be 2 field days where we will be hiking in one of the local forests. **P.P.E is required!** **Minimum of your hard hat and boots! We will also be doing this RAIN OR SHINE,** so please, plan for poor cold and wet weather.

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\\_S336\\_01-25-2016\\_5201](http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/schedule/detail/ca_S336_01-25-2016_5201)

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.

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