



# Protection Contract Services Unit

## 2016 IFCA Newsletter

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### Protection from Fire Program

#### From the Unit Coordinator

Happy New Year 2016 from the PCSU! We hope your year is off to a great beginning!

We would like to make you aware that with the concurrence of the Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordination Group (PNWCG), ODF intends to solicit a new IFCA for 2017. It is our intent to release the solicitation on the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) in the fall of 2016. In order to prepare for the new solicitation, the PCSU will be conducting individual meetings with the vendor community to seek input on possible improvements of IFCA specification requirements and technical review criteria for 'best value' ranking. The tentative time period for these meetings is March 2016. We will be providing further information in the next couple of months.

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#### 2016 Joint Public Meetings

The PCSU will join representatives of the Pacific Northwest Fire and Aviation Contracting Team (FACT) and Washington Dept. of Natural Resources (WDNR) to host their annual regional public meetings to discuss fire contracting in the upcoming 2016 fire season.

The PCSU will present information on 2015 fire season statistics and the proposed 2017 IFCA. Since this is a joint meeting with vendors for the VIPR agreements, IFCA information will be generalized.

The PCSU staff plans to arrive at each meeting location one hour prior to the published start time in order to allow additional time for IFCA vendors to visit with us prior to the meetings.

A full schedule is published on our web page at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/Contract.aspx>.

#### Preparing for 2016 Fire Season

In preparation for the upcoming fire season, the unit has posted the new IFCA Award Summary Sheets and provided updated dispatch contact information to the region's dispatch community.

First Year Firefighter Experience IFCA Specification B 3.2.1.3 is being reviewed for possible clarification for the movement of a firefighter's yellow dot identifier to red dot after experience level has been met. An Amendment is tentatively scheduled prior to fire season.

An After Action Review (AAR) survey has been developed for current IFCA contractors to provide feedback regarding the 2015 fire season. Your feedback is critical and will inform us of successes as well as areas of needed improvement for future consideration and implementation.

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We ask that each contractor complete the survey only once, capturing the input from your staff. Deadline for completion of the survey is February 25, 2016. Please follow the link below to complete the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSVWLYJ>

## WCFT Reminders

**Pack test notifications:** B 3.3.7 All WCFT notifications must include the desired date and starting time, location, estimated number of people taking the pack test, and name and phone number of the administering official (the person who will actually be administering the pack test). It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure compliance with this specification. Tests conducted without prior Contractor's notification and Government authorization will be considered non-compliant.

**Pack test results:** B 3.3.9 Within five (5) calendar Days following administration of each pack test, Contractor must provide the Administering Agency PCSU with a roster including the names and Government assigned unique identifier number or first three/last four digits of the individual's Social Security Number, Contractor affiliation of each person who took the test, and whether this person passed or failed the test. This roster must be signed and dated by the test administrator.

**Pack test administration:** "Work Capacity Test Administrator's Guide" National Fire Equipment System (NFES) 1109 April 2003. Contractor must ensure the test administrator complies with all requirements specified in the "Work Capacity Test Administrator's Guide". A couple key requirements that will be checked this season are the presence of a Job Hazard Plan and Emergency Medical Evacuation Plan. Remember safety briefing and test instructions prior to beginning the test.



## Updated 2015 Crew Day Stats

IFCA crews were deployed to Over 147 incidents for a total of 8,026 days over the 2015 season.

Crews were deployed to Alaska (316 days), Northern California (1285 days), Idaho (24 days), Oregon (3579 days) and Washington (2822 days).

ODF, Douglas FPA, USFS, BLM, BIA, NPS, WDNR, WSFMO, Cal Fire, Idaho Dept of State Lands, and Alaska Fire Service all hosted incidents to which IFCA crews were deployed.

2015 was categorically largest IFCA crew day deployment since 2002, when crews were on assignment for over 11,000 days.

## News Across the Agency

The past three fire seasons have been challenging and have stretched The ODF's complete and coordinated wildfire protection system. In response to these challenges, the Oregon Board of Forestry has appointed the Fire Program Review Committee for the purpose of advising ODF in its efforts toward a more sustainable fire organization. If you are interested in learning about this effort, please visit the committee's website at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Board/Pages/FireProgramReview.aspx>.

For general information regarding ODF and its programs, please visit our new website at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Pages/index.aspx>.

## Keep Oregon Green Association

KOG's mission is to reduce the number of human-caused wildfires in Oregon through awareness and education. This non-profit corporation is underwritten by private and public landowners and incorporated to conduct a statewide fire prevention program of education and information designed to assist in protecting landowners resources. Whether a wildfire is a result of equipment use, debris burning, abandoned campfires, smoking or playing with fire—human carelessness is NOT acceptable. KOG continues to market the message that wildfire prevention is everyone's responsibility. For more information and to show your support, visit: <http://www.keeporegongreen.org/home.html>.

