

TO: Arizona State Fire Cooperators

FROM: Arizona Fire Chiefs Wildfire Training Sub-Committee

DATE: February 2, 2015

SUBJECT: Arizona State Priority Training Program

In late 2013, the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association and State Forestry jointly drafted a proposal to establish a Priority Trainee Dispatching Pool. The system was developed to identify and promote the use of trainees in prioritized positions to increase the pool of qualified personnel for fire management.

During a meeting of AFCA, State Forestry and the State Wildfire Qualifications Review Committee (Red Card Committee), which took place in February 2014, it was decided to focus on the operations positions for the 2014 fire season. The trainee pool system was tested a few times during the season with some degree of success.

An Arizona State Priority Training Program has been developed to identify priority trainees for the 2015 fire season. The program was designed to complement the SWCG Priority Training Program. The forms and instructions have been posted on the AZSF website, <https://azsf.az.gov> as well as the AFCA wild fire site, [www.wildfireaz.com](http://www.wildfireaz.com). If you are interested in being on the priority trainee list, you will need to complete and submit the nomination form along with all pages of the applicable position taskbook to Susan Burger [azredcards@azsf.gov](mailto:azredcards@azsf.gov) no later than Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated as this is a vital step in moving forward.

The committee agreed to utilize the forms, guidance and dispatch model to implement the trainee pool system and adaptively manage the system through the fire seasons. Measures will be taken to capture the strengths and weaknesses of the system for inclusion in subsequent updates to the process.

Please thoroughly review the Arizona Priority Trainee List letter and the nomination form. It is very important that the timeline be followed by potential trainees.

If you are in need of clarification or have any questions regarding the Arizona State Priority Trainee Program, please contact Arizona Dispatch Center (800-309-7081).