

SW Montana Zone Training Announcement

J-158 Radio Operator

J-257 Incident Communications Center MGR.

COURSE DATES **June 3-4, 2008**
NOMINATION DEADLINE April 23, 2008
COURSE LOCATION Northern Rockies Training Center
TUITION \$50 *Cancellations before May 20, 2008 are refundable*
Lead Instructors **Bill Erhardt, Helena, Montana**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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Subjects covered: developing a kit, mobilization, briefing from supervisors, duties within the incident communications unit structure, work materials and equipment, transfer of information, communications equipment and basic functions/capabilities, processing documentation, emergency situation protocols, transition with replacement personnel, and demobilization.

J-257

Subjects covered: developing a kit, mobilization, briefing from communications unit leader, establishing the incident communications center, assisting communications unit leader with duties, supervising the incident communications center, maintaining a unit log, evaluating performance of subordinates and demobilization.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is designed for firefighter 2 (FFT2), supervisory dispatchers (EDSP) and fire effects monitors (FEMO), but anyone interested in fire behavior is welcome to take the course.

PREREQUISITES:

Both courses require an interest in radios and communication

NOMINATION PROCESS

COURSE COORDINATOR	ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION
Matt Gibson	Continuing Education-UM 32 Campus Dr #1728 Missoula, MT 59812-1728	Phone: (406) 243-4638 Fax: (406) 243-2047 Email: mbgibson@fs.fed.us

FORMS: Please use the Southwest Montana Wildland Fire Training Nomination form if possible, but the NWCG nomination form is acceptable. Clearly state how you meet the pre-requisites and how payment for the class will be made. If you don't meet the pre-requisites, address that in the remarks. **SW Montana Zone members will get priority over others.**

Please send all nominations to Matt Gibson. We prefer that the nominations be sent electronically (e.g. via e-mail or through IQCS), but hard copies are also acceptable.

- ❑ Individuals who work for a federal, state, or local government agency should submit their nomination through their local Fire Training Representative who will forward the nominations to the course coordinator. The SW Montana Zone Training Representatives are listed below.
- ❑ Federal, State or local government individuals from other zones are also welcome to attend the courses, provided there is room in the class. Their nominations need to be sent through their local fire-training representative who will ensure that they meet the pre-requisites and that they are ready for the course.
- ❑ Private individuals, or others who wish to pay their own tuition, may send their nominations directly to the course coordinator, but need to clearly document that they meet the course requisites if there are any. If there is room in the class, and they meet the prerequisites, they will be selected.

PAYMENT: The University of Montana collects tuition to pay for the costs involved with the courses. Credit cards, checks and cash are accepted. If credit card information is not included on the nomination form, then an invoice will be sent to the person designated by the agency to pay for the course. **If applicable, please ensure that your local purchasing personnel are contacted before sending in a nomination. Federal purchasing agents may require an SF-182 be sent to them when a student is nominated for a course that they will be paying the tuition for.** Private individuals must ensure that payment is made by the end of the first day of the course.

SW MONTANA ZONE TRAINING REPRESENTATIVES:

AFD except for Smokejumpers	Gary Boyd	329-4708
Bitterroot National Forest	Kelly Hall	363-7198
BLM Missoula Field Office	John Thompson	533-7611
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes	Buttercup Clairmont	676-2550
DNRC & Local Government	Jim Costamagna	542-4216
Fish & Wildlife Service	Bob Rebarchik	329-4749
Lolo National Forest	Carrie Errecart	826-4304
MTDC	Shanon Boehlke	329-4814
FS Regional Office	Tracey Nimlos	329-4902
Rocky Mountain Research Station	Shari Kappel	829-6957
Smokejumpers	Mike Fritsen	329-4894