



# **Local Cooperator Assistance Program (LCAP)**

**Annual Wildland Firefighter Refresher (RT130)  
2025**

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*The intent of the Annual Wildland Firefighter Refresher (RT-130) is to re-familiarize line operational wildland firefighters with the challenges, hazard identification, and hazard mitigation necessary to prevent and reduce accidents and near misses on wildland fires.*

## 1. Point Fire Case Study

- i. **Goal-Discuss lessons learned from the Point Fire to enhance safety on emerging incidents.**
- ii. **Read each “a.” before playing video**
- iii. **Discussion**
  - o **Incident Leadership**
    - a. Not all personnel on the fire received a formal safety briefing upon arrival. Multiple resources failed to hear the Red Flag Warning. Minimal efforts were made to verify safe crew location at the time of the blow-up.
    - b. As incident commanders and fireline leaders, how do you ensure that all personnel under your supervision receive a thorough operational safety briefing? How can you ensure that critical safety messages (i.e. Red Flag Warnings) make it to ALL of your resources? How do you track and maintain accountability of your resources?
    - c. Unity of Command VS Unified Command
      - i. **Unity of Command** means that each individual will be assigned and report to only one supervisor.
      - ii. Unity of Command is different from Unified Command; **Unified Command** is established when no one jurisdiction, agency, or organization has primary authority, therefore there is no one clear Incident Commander. These multiple agencies work together to communicate and make command decisions.
      - iii. Which command structure was being utilized on the Point Fire? How do you setup your command structure on incidents with shared jurisdiction?
  - o **Communications**
    - a. Lack of common communication capability contributed to the incident. The BLM IC could not monitor the Kuna Command frequency. The Kuna engines could not effectively scan between their frequencies and the BLM frequencies.
    - b. What type of plan is in place for you to communicate effectively with your local cooperators? Are common frequencies identified and preprogrammed? Is your radio equipment compatible, and if not, how can you overcome this problem?
    - c. How do you know when aircraft are on scene and dropping retardant? The aircraft cannot establish control lines when the fireline is not clear of personnel.
  - o **Equipment References**
    - a. Kuna Engine-620 experienced a mechanical failure immediately prior to the turnover. E-620 had experienced similar problems earlier in the season, but no maintenance records were kept to help determine its reliability for fighting wildfires.
    - b. Are you conducting regular, documented inspections of your firefighting vehicles? Where would you document these inspections? Are you actually fixing mechanical issues or running with “minor gremlins” that you know how to troubleshoot?

- **Cooperator Relationships**
  - a. While no mutual aid agreement existed between the Boise BLM and the Kuna Rural Fire District at the time of the Point Fire, resources from both had successfully collaborated in wildland training and fire suppression earlier in the season.
  - b. On your local unit, what type of relationship exists between agencies and cooperators? Are mutual aid agreements in place? Do you conduct any shared training (Annual Fireline Safety Refreshers, fire response simulations, etc)? What aspects of your cooperator relationships do you celebrate? Where do you see opportunities for improvement?
- iv. **Key takeaways to maintain a safe working environment**
  - ICS has to be established. Unity or Unified Command?
  - All resources need a briefing
  - LCES must be maintained

## 2. Local Topics

- **Review Incident Response from 2024**
  - **What went well?**
  - **What are we going to do next time?**
- **24 Hour agreement**
  - **24 hours free on assist fires**

## 3. Practice Shelter Deployment

## 4. Useful Links

NWS Fire weather Forecasts [www.weather.gov/wrh/fire](http://www.weather.gov/wrh/fire)

NWS Pocatello Weather Hazard Briefing [www.weather.gov/pih/Briefing](http://www.weather.gov/pih/Briefing)

National Interagency Coordination Center [Seasonal Outlook](#)

GBCC Weather [Seasonal Outlook](#)

Current drought conditions: [Current Map | United States Drought Monitor \(unl.edu\)](#)

6 Minutes for Safety [www.nwcg.gov/committees/6-Minutes-for-safety](http://www.nwcg.gov/committees/6-Minutes-for-safety)

WFSTAR Training [www.nwcg.gov/publications/training-courses/rt-130/wfstar-catalog](http://www.nwcg.gov/publications/training-courses/rt-130/wfstar-catalog)

Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center [www.lessons.wildfire.gov](http://www.lessons.wildfire.gov)

Season Summary [Numbers and Lessons Incident Reports WFLLC](#)

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