



ANNUAL FIRELINE SAFETY REFRESHER

FOR CAL FIRE AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE CONTRACTORS



Urgent Information Regarding The Annual Fireline Safety Refresher

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WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION, INC.

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Dear Contractor,

As of today I have received verbal confirmation from the Deputy Director of Fire Protection for CAL FIRE that the state WILL be providing the training for the 2010 Annual Fireline Safety Refresher. CAL FIRE will NOT be accepting training from private training providers that had the Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Forest Service. At this point the USFS will continue to honor the MOU, but any contractor who contracts with the State will need to contact their local ranger unit for the training.

This notice came as an unexpected and costly surprise to us as we were prepared to instruct 105 courses throughout the state and were following the direction we were receiving from the USFS. I would like to apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. At this point we will be cancelling all of our Annual Fire Line Safety Refresher Training for Hired Equipment that is not scheduled in our training catalog. We will be destroying any credit card payment information and returning any checks or other forms of payment.

We will continue to provide our existing courses that we offer in our Training Catalog. This training is completed through our MOU with the National Wildfire Suppression Association and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG). If you only contract with the Federal Government Firestorm can still provide the Annual Refresher training for you. If you are already registered for an Annual Refresher course and would like to continue to take a Firestorm class, please call or email Leah at leahw@firestormfire.com for which course you would like to move your registration to. Visit http://www.firestormfire.com/pdf/Firestorm_2010Catalog_web.pdf to see which courses will continue to be held.

The Deputy Director of Cal Fire stated he would provide a letter of explanation. As soon as we receive this, we will also forward it on. Any further questions in regards to the Annual Fireline Safety Refresher for State Contractors should be directed to your local Cal Fire Ranger Unit.

Again, I appreciate you giving us the opportunity to provide you with your refresher training.

Respectfully,

Jess R. Wills
Operations Manager