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Memorandum

DATE: January 23, 2012

SUBJECT: S-244 Field Observer-S245 Display Processor

TO: Students

Congratulations. You have been selected to attend the S-244 Field Observer and S-245 Display Processor training sessions at the **Del Rosa Work Center, located at 4121 Quail Canyon Road, San Bernardino, CA 92404** on **February 27 – March 2, 2012**. **The course will begin at 1300 on Monday, February 27 and conclude on Friday, March 2 at 1300 hours.**

Course Description:

S-244:

This course provides the student with the skills necessary to perform as a field observer (FOBS) and or a fire effects monitor (FEMO). Topics include: role and responsibilities of the FOBS and FEMO; how to make observations and document those observations; how to produce hand drawn and GPS field maps; and how to navigate using a compass and GPS. The navigation unit has 4 ½ hours of field exercises and the final field exercise is 8 hours.

S-245:

This course provides students with the skills necessary to perform as a display processor (DPRO). Topics include: general roles and responsibilities and how to assist the situation unit leader with producing incident maps, inputs for the Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) and other incident products. The final exam is 3 hours.

Pre-Course Work:

Please click or go to the following links for pre-course work information. Please complete the exercises at the end of each chapter and bring with you on the 1st day of class.

S-244 <http://training.nwcg.gov/pre-courses/s244/s244.html>

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S-244/S-245 is a 40 hour course designed to provide you with the tools to function as a Field Observer on Wildland incidents and as Display Processor on all risk incidents.

You will need to bring to class the following supplies:

1. 6' Protractor
2. 12' clear plastic ruler
3. Clinometer
4. Belt Weather Kit
5. Compass (360 Degree) or equivalent that can set the declination
6. GPS Unit with Instructions
7. Calculator
8. Dot Grids or acreage overlay transparencies
9. 4-color fine point marker set Vis-à-vis pens
10. Fireline Handbook
11. Rain Gear
12. Wildland Fire Gear
 - a. Wildland Boots
 - b. Nomex Shirt and Pants
 - c. Helmet
 - d. Min. of a fire shelter and one quart canteen on a belt
 - e. Other backpack is encouraged to carry supplies in the field

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO COMPLETE THE PRE-WORK BEFORE COMING TO THE COURSE

Remember to bring Field Exercise Gear for the outdoor exercise.

****ALL STUDENTS:** Please complete and return the pre-registration form to the training center no later than close of business **Monday, February 13, 2012**. FAX copies are sufficient.

Tuition:

Your tuition cost is **\$300.00**.

All students must submit a NWCG Nomination Form with proper agency charge codes and signatures for payment. Forms can be attained on-line at "nationalfiretraining.net"

Billing Information:

Forest Service (Other Regions): The approved NWCG Nomination Form will be used for payment. This form must include proper agency charge codes and signatures.

Other Federal Agencies: The approved NWCG Nomination Form will be used for payment. This form must include proper agency codes, agreement numbers and signatures.

Other Non Federal Agencies: It is recommended that students pay with check or money order at the facility at the start of class. There is an additional 7.1% administrative fee added to this tuition charge. If payment is not received, a bill of collection will be issued to your agency.

Cancellations: Cancellations must be made two weeks prior to the course start date. If a cancellation occurs after the two-week cut off and the slot goes unfilled, there will be a charge

not to exceed the tuition charge for the course. The last date to cancel for this course is February 13, 2012.

If a student cancels within the two-week period and pre work has already been received, the student needs to return pre work to the training facility.

Travel: For travel and lodging information navigate on the internet to the DRTC website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/sanbernardino/travel>

Dress: Students are to wear casual office attire. This means attire suitable for public contact (no shorts, tank tops, flip flops, etc).

Any questions regarding this course may be directed to your unit training coordinator or appropriate training representative. If you are self-sponsored, you may contact the training center directly at drtc@fs.fed.us

Kristel Johnson
Forest Training Officer

Enclosures:
Driving Directions, Lodging Information
All Student, Pre-Registration Form