

Subject:	WILDLAND PERSONNEL ACCOUNTABILITY
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1.0 POLICY

- 1.1** An officer (*examples would include, but are not limited to, scout, safety officer, or field observer*) shall be assigned to maintain positive communication with any individual during those times that the member is assigned an ancillary fire fighting task
- 1.2** Wildland firefighters shall work in teams of two or more while working on or near the fire line of an active fire unless they are in visual or voice contact with an officer.
- 1.3** On initial attack fires, the incident commander shall:
- 1.3.1** Maintain the name and location of all personnel on the incident.
 - 1.3.2** On extended attack fires, ensure the maintenance of the name and location of all personnel within their unit, division, group or branch.
 - 1.3.3** Transfer/confirm personnel and unit information to the appropriate incident command section (ICS) command staff as soon as possible.
 - 1.3.4** Ensure that personnel and unit information is recorded in the command post as soon as possible.
- 1.4** When a fire "blows up" or makes a run that crosses planned control lines, officers shall conduct an accounting of all personnel assigned to fire suppression and report any missing personnel to the incident commander.

2.0 REFERENCES

WAC 296-305-07007

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, .050, .060. 96-11-067 (Order 94-27), §296-305-07007, filed 02/17/99, effective 06/01/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040 and 49.17.050. 83-24-013 (Order 83-34), 296-305-07007, filed 11/30/83; Order 77-20, 296-305-07007, filed 10/18/77 and Emergency Order 77-24, filed 11/17/77, effective 12/17/77.]