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Firefighter: Remember This



"Remembering Andy Palmer"

This—wildland firefighter Andy Palmer's tragedy on the Iron Complex Fire—is the story of how we arrived at today's Dutch Creek Protocol guidelines for emergency medical response and extractions. The video's conclusion stresses the importance of three key questions: "1) *What will we do if someone gets hurt?* 2) *How will we get them out of here?* 3) *How long will it take to get them to the hospital?*" This is our second production in this year's "Firefighter: Remember This" video series.



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Medical Response Stickers for your IRPG



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"Your Fire Shelter: Would You Hesitate Deploying It?"



The cover story of our Fall 2011 issue focuses on wildland firefighters' reluctance to use their fire shelters. Why does this happen? What can we do about this fire shelter deployment "stigma"? Also in this issue: firefighter Brian Hicks shares key lessons learned from his 2011 entrapment experience; tips for calling in your position—describing Lat/Longs correctly; and readers are asked: "Do you fight fire like you drive?"

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Quick Response (QR) Codes

Have you ever wondered about these square barcode-like symbols that seem to be popping up everywhere from newsletters to Web sites to product marketing? Known as "Quick Response Codes" or "QR Codes," they are quickly becoming a powerful tool due to their small size and easy readability. To read these special squares, all you need is a smartphone with a working camera and an application (app) like Google Goggles or Mobile Tag. The LLC is now implementing this technology on newsletters and several other products. In the coming months, we will continue to expand on this capability. So keep your eyes open and your smartphones ready.



YouTube

The LLC has officially joined YouTube and we encourage everyone to subscribe to our [channel](#). We are currently migrating all of our videos from [MyFireVideos.net](#) to our new YouTube channel and will continue this transition over the next few months. While MyFireVideos will still remain available during this process, no new content will be added to this site. If you want to stay up-to-date with our most current video products, YouTube is the place to go.



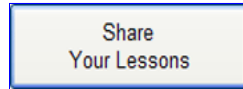


All new videos will also be posted on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts.

If you can't access YouTube due to government restrictions, please [click here](#) to fill out a brief questionnaire.

Rapid Lesson Sharing Button

[Share Your Lessons](#)



Have you seen the new "Share Your Lessons" button at the top of our LLC homepage? This new capability provides you with a vehicle for sharing specific successes, challenges, and lessons that you have experienced in the field. The button leads you to a form that allows you to input an event name, date, location, narrative and a few other categories that will help the LLC staff create a user-friendly document. Rapid Lesson Sharing documents will be stored in the [Incident Reviews Database](#).

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Coming Soon



"Looking Back - Moving Forward: Brett Fay"

Our new "Looking Back - Moving Forward" video series highlights key lessons and career histories from several veteran wildland firefighters and managers. The series opens with a spotlight on Brett Fay, Assistant Fire Management Coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Pacific Region. Brett describes how he got his start in wildland firefighting and why he made it his career.



"Firefighter: Remember This - Hazard Trees"

You spot a hazard tree—now what do you do? The LLC's next "Firefighter: Remember This" video explores the decision-making process and risk mitigation that occurs once a wildland firefighter identifies a hazard tree.



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