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Objectives

To continue to teach and mentor NIMS skills and proficiencies to a wide range of first responders and experienced incident management personnel in the All Hazard arena on a national basis.

Seeking the opportunity to work with a well-established, professional firm that has both national recognition and an excellent reputation for delivering NIMS courses.

Education

Bachelor of Science, Natural Resource Conservation, University of Connecticut, (June, 1976)

Publications:

- ▶ Slocum, M. G., W. J. Platt, B. Beckage, R. Panko, and J. B. Lushine. 2007. Decoupling natural and anthropogenic fire regimes: A case study in Everglades National Park. *Natural Areas Journal* 27: 41-55
- ▶ Beckage, B., W. J. Platt, and B. Panko. 2005. A climate-based approach to the restoration of fire dependent ecosystems. *Restoration Ecology* 13: 429-431.
- ▶ Beckage, B., W. J. Platt, M. G. Slocum, and B. Panko. 2003. Influence of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation on fire regimes in the Florida Everglades. *Ecology* 84: 3124-3130.

Experience

Sole Member (August 2009 –Present)

Risky Business Incident Management LLC (259 Brown Road, Voluntown, Ct. 06384)

Experienced FEMA Position Specific curriculum Lead Instructor in Operations Section Chief, Division/Group Supervisor, Liaison Officer, Incident Commander; FEMA “449” (ICS 100-402 Train-the-Trainer). RBIM LLC has primarily instructed these courses for NY State Office of Emergency Management since 2009, but has also instructed them for other clients. RBIM LLC also teaches a large number of ICS300/400 classes, several

different NWCG wildland fire courses and does incident and fire management consulting.

Fire & Aviation Management Officer (Sept 1996 –Nov 2007) and **Pine Island District Ranger** (Sept 1991-Sept 1996)

US National Park Service, Everglades National Park (Homestead, Florida)

- Participated actively on 3 Incident Management Teams that were external to the Park (USNPS Eastern Team, SA Red Team & SA IMT2) from 1994 to 2007 (described below in detail).
- Served as Park ICT3 for both All Hazard and Wildfire incidents from 1994 until 2007.
- Approximately 40 assignments during this period as ICT3 in both All Hazard and Wildfire management. While most assignments were in Everglades NP there were also additional assignments in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. In some years we had to prepare and close Everglades NP several times per year due to hurricanes. Major incidents are itemized below.
- Used throughout the Southern Area as well as Grand Teton NP on an interagency basis as a Fire Use Manager Type 2.
- Member of NWCG / FEMA cadre that updated ICS300, ICS400 & ICS402 courses in 2004-2006
- Member of the Florida Interagency Statewide Unified Command / MACC group for nine years.

Incident Commander (July 1994 –December 2004)

USNPS Eastern Area All Hazard IMT2 (USNPS Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia)

Major assignments included Hurricane Marilyn (Virgin Islands/Puerto Rico 1995), Summer Olympics (Atlanta USNPS sites 1996), Hurricane Georges (Gulf Islands Natl Seashore, Mississippi 1998), Major Flood, New River Gorge Natl River (West Virginia 2001), NPS Washington Officer Response for Sept 11 (Shenandoah NP, Va 2001) Hurricane Isabel (Cape Hatteras Natl Seashore NC, 2003), Hurricane Charley (Dry Tortugas Natl Park, Florida, 2003), Hurricane Ivan (Gulf Islands Natl Seashore, Florida 2004), Hurricane Wilma (Everglades & Dry Tortugas Natl Parks, Florida 2005) . It is worth noting these were not FEMA assignments, but were assignments to assist NPS units that were severely impacted incidents/events. Work included conducting assessments, providing employee assistance, assessment and stabilization of infrastructure, clearing debris, stabilizing and/or emergency road repairs, contracting for long term repairs, and assessment and stabilization of natural and cultural resource sites and features.

Operations Section Chief Type 1 (T) (January 2004 –December 2006)

Southern Area IMT1 Red Team (Southern Area Coordination Center, Atlanta, Georgia)

Noteworthy incident assignments included the Statewide Management during Texas Extreme Fire (Texas Winter 2005); Hurricane Rita (Texas, 2005); Tripod Complex (Washington State, 2006); Day Fire (California, 2006)

Deputy Incident Commander (January 2007 –December 2010)

Southern Area IMT2 (Southern Area Coordination Center, Atlanta, Georgia)

Noteworthy incident assignments included the Big Turnaround Fire (Okefenoke NWR, Florida & Georgia,

2007); Owl Fire (Yellowstone NP, Wyoming, 2007); South One Fire (Great Dismal Swamp NWR 2008, Virginia)

Liaison Officer, (January 2011 –December 2013)

Southern Area IMT1 Red Team (Southern Area Coordination Center, Atlanta, Georgia)

Noteworthy incident assignments included the PK Complex (Mineral Wells Texas, 2011); Bastrop Complex (Bastrop Texas, 2011); Livermore Ranch Complex (Ft. Davis, Texas, 2012).

Liaison Officer, (January 2014 –December 2014)

Southern Area IMT2 Gold Team (Southern Area Coordination Center, Atlanta, Georgia)

Operations Section Chief (January 2015 –Present)

Southern Area Gold Team IMT2 (Southern Area Coordination Center, Atlanta, Georgia)

Additional Career information:

Panko worked for the US National Park Service from 1971 until November of 2007 when he retired. His career from 1991 until retirement is covered above. This section succinctly fills the gaps.

Seasonal Law Enforcement Park Ranger, Mt. Rainier NP, Washington 1972-1977

Park Technician, US Army Corps of Engineers, Carlisle Illinois summer 1977

Park Technician, Law Enforcement, Everglades NP 1977-1980

Park Ranger (Supv Law Enforcement), Shenandoah NP 1980-1984

Supv Park Ranger (Asst. Chief Ranger), Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island NM, 1984-1988

Supv Park Ranger (Visitor Protection Specialist), Biscayne NP -1988-1991

Accomplishments

- Panko began applying ICS in All Hazard incident management at Shenandoah NP in 1982.
- Panko began instructing ICS (ICS 220) in 1985, attended the ICS 200, 300, 400, 402 Train the Trainer in 1995 and began teaching those courses that year at both Everglades NP and multiple venues throughout the SE US.
- Panko was part of the 2004-2006 team that updated I300-402 for NWCG & FEMA, and has continually been teaching that curriculum (including FEMA updates). Over 100 I300/I400 courses taught nationwide throughout his career to date.
- Panko was a sworn Federal Law Enforcement Officer and Criminal Investigator for USNPS, a Park Medic, performed technical and large scale search and rescues, and was IC of or participated in many special events including many major public events during the restoration and Centennial reopening of the Statue of Liberty, as well as Presidential & Vice Presidential visits (Liberty Island, Everglades).
- As a resource for course curriculum development for NY State Office of Emergency Management Panko has assisted in the FEMA 305 course practical development for NY State, has been a major instructor/mentor for the NY State Office of Emergency Management IMT program.
- Panko has been a working member of the NY Wildfire and Incident Management Academy team since 2008. His accomplishments for that Academy include servings as Deputy IC, Operations SC, Safety

Officer and Liaison Officer for Academy implementation; mentoring Command & General staff trainees managing the Academy; completing C&G NWCG and FEMA task books (AH trainees), mentoring of the Nassau County NY IMT3 during its development and instructing FEMA position specific training courses including Operations SC, Liaison Officer and Division/Group Supervisor.

- In addition to the incident experience listed Panko also served as USNPS Incident Commander Type 2 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Response (coverage of five South Florida National Park Units, 2010).

Skills

- FEMA certified Lead Instructor: Incident Commander, Liaison Officer, Operations Section Chief, Division/Group Supervisor, Strike Team/Task Force Leader (historically recognized instructor nominated by NY State Office of Emergency Management)
- Lead Instructor I300/400, L449 Train the Trainer
- Currently NWCG fully qualified as: Incident Commander Type 2, Liaison Officer, Operations Section Chief Type 2, Operations Branch Director, Strategic Operational Planner, Prescribed Burn Boss Type 2

References

- Paul Hefner, IMTC Instructor
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- Bill Campbell, Chief, Incident Management Team (IMT) Program, NYSOEM
(518) 292-2350 / (518) 605-8941 cellular
- Tony Wilder, Retired ICT1, Southern Area Red Team
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