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Nebraska Wildfire Academy Classes

Classes continuing today include 'Introduction to Fire Effects', 'Intermediate Fire Behavior', and 'Fire Fighter Type 1'. 'Air Operations' is a new class that starts today.

NWFA Staff Monitoring South Dakota Fire for Academy Students

The administrative staff for the Nebraska Wildland Fire Academy (#NWFA15) are monitoring the grass fire that began Monday evening on the grounds of Wind Cave State Park in the southwest corner of the state. While none of the instructors and students have been called away to assist, a public information officer has been deployed to the scene. Students are interested in news of containment of the fire as smoke was visible to the north on Monday.

National Weather Service Providing Weather Updates for Safety of Students and Staff

Shawn Jacobs, National Weather Service is providing regular weather updates to staff during daily briefings which staff then take back to the students. Weather information is necessary to keep both staff and students safe during the Fire Academy.

Local Emergency Managers Assisting

So far Emergency Managers from Regions 15, 21, 22, and 23, and Hall County and Hamilton County have traveled to Ft. Robinson to assist the Incident Management Team (IMT) staff in training with operations of the Fire Academy. Several are working on IMT task books.

IMTs play an essential role in the management of, and response to, local/regional/national emergencies, natural disasters and public events.

An IMT is a comprehensive team that enhances ongoing operations through provision of infrastructure support, or when requested, transition to an incident management function to include all components/functions of a command and general staff. Typical incidents where IMTs are used include: natural disasters including hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and wildfires.

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