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Field Manager's Course Guide

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Course Description

Wildland Fire Chain Saws, S-212, is an instructor-led course intended to be presented at the local level. The course lessons provide introduction to the function, maintenance and use of internal combustion engine powered chain saws, and their tactical wildland fire application. Field exercises support entry level training for firefighters with little or no previous experience in operating a chain saw, providing hands-on cutting experience in surroundings similar to fireline situations.

Objectives

- List, define, and apply chain saw safety standards as required by OSHA and NWCG member agency manuals, handbooks and directives.
- Incorporate the approved use, maintenance, and function of personal protective equipment (PPE) in wildland fire chain saw applications.
- Identify basic chain saw parts nomenclature, maintenance, tuning, troubleshooting, and safety features.
- Demonstrate field maintenance tasks required for chain saw operation.
- Demonstrate the tactical application of chain saws in brushing, limbing, bucking, and falling for fireline construction and mop up operations.

Target Group

Required training for all wildland fire chain saw operator positions.

Minimum Instructor Qualifications

Instructor qualifications are agency determined.
Also see Instructor Certification at the beginning of this Guide.

Course Prerequisites

Qualified as a firefighter type 2 (FFT2).

Course Level

Local