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Information Bulletin:

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TO: Regional Fire Management Officers and Training Specialists

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RE: **BL 300 Fire Vehicle Driver Course Now Available**

Due to a lack of adequate driving training for our fire and support personnel, BIA/Tribal fire management programs can now access the Fire Vehicle Driver Orientation (BL300) course developed by the BLM in 2014. This course is publicly accessible and has the typical course components including Instructor Guide, Student Workbook, Power Points, and an Evaluation.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) built the course. As such, there is some BLM specific terminology. These instances are few and easily negligible by a qualified instructor.

The intent of this course is to provide BIA/Tribal personnel with foundational knowledge in making sound decisions and maintaining situational awareness while operating and working around fire vehicles. This course fills the gap left by the dissolution of NWCG S-216 Driving for the Fire Service and the 4-hour Defensive Driving course.

The IQCS course code for Fire Vehicle Driver Orientation is BL 300. The course is not required; however, the Branch strongly encourages all fire personnel to take it.

BL 300 is not an NWCG specific course. An experienced driver, preferably a qualified engine boss, can teach the course at the unit level. Do not issue NWCG certificates upon completion; rather, use a generic certificate or letter in lieu of documentation.

Link:

Fire Vehicle Driver Orientation BL 300: <https://www.nifc.gov/training/trainingFireVehicle.html>

Please refer any questions to Garth Fisher, BIA Training Director, at garth.fisher@bia.gov or (208) 387-5315.

Sincerely,

Garth Fisher
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