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Dear Friends & Fellow Firefighters,

Due to the continuing **COVID-19 National Emergency** and following the guidance from our National, State & Local health departments, TSWCA will be suspending all scheduled in person training sessions until further notice.

Following these guidelines and in an effort to provide our Agency partners a well-prepared work force for the inevitable Fire Season that is to come, TSWCA has requested of PNWCG to temporarily provide live web-based, video conferencing type training. Once authorized by NWCG, the links and procedures for this training will be posted on our website: www.tswca.org I anticipate that a response to our request will come soon and we can get on with preparing for the 2020 Fire Season.

In the event that our request for temporary web-based training is rejected, we will revisit other ideas, contingencies and adapt to make sure that you are all trained up safely and ready for Fire Season.

It is my sincere intention to keep you all updated on the ever-changing situation as it relates to you the Wildland Fire Professional and forward any guidance from the agencies as necessary.

In the meantime, please take seriously the recommendations of your local health authorities and do everything in your power to keep yourself, your families, loved ones and communities safe and healthy during this unprecedented pandemic incident.

In the past, Our Wildland Fire community has always shown exceptional leadership, flexibility and led the way in response to a national crisis, and I expect it to be no different in our current situation.

Stay Tuned & Be Well!

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