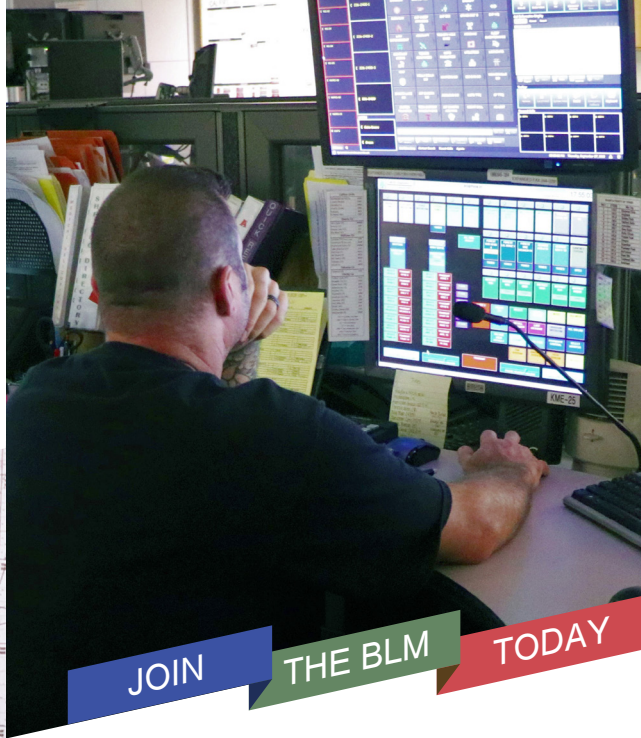


## IS DISPATCHING RIGHT FOR YOU?

Dispatching involves:

- » Prioritization and organizational skills
- » Working well with others under pressure
- » Multitasking
- » Effective communication
- » Desire to protect public lands
- » Teamwork



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## WILDLAND FIRE DISPATCHERS

EVER WONDER IF YOU COULD HAVE AN IMPACTFUL WILDLAND FIRE CAREER WITHOUT BEING ON THE FIRELINE?

The world of dispatching is exciting and challenging. Dispatchers are responsible for mobilizing resources, such as engine crews, helicopters, and airtankers, to wildland fires and other incidents. Multitasking, prioritization skills, and the ability to operate in high-stress situations are essential.

Dispatchers use radio and telecommunication tools; fire weather, danger, and behavior prediction systems; fire suppression, prescribed fire, and aviation computer programs; mapping applications and topographical maps.



## NOT YOUR ORDINARY JOB

Wildland fire dispatching involves different focus areas, including:

**Initial Attack** – These dispatchers are the first to receive fire reports, plot initial locations on maps, allocate and dispatch resources, coordinate with fire managers, order supplies and resources, gather weather information, track resources, keep detailed records, and manage radio frequencies.

**Expanded** – When the dispatching workload exceeds local initial attack capabilities, expanded dispatch centers are formed. These centers coordinate with ongoing incidents and dispatch centers to order additional resources and supplies.

**Aircraft** – These employees specialize in aviation orders; track aviation resources; allocate aircraft based on capabilities, cost, and availability; work with aviation managers to ensure adequate supplies and equipment are available; and work with the Federal Aviation Administration or FAA and military to ensure a safe flying environment.

**Intelligence** – These dispatchers track incident statistics and data; create annual and daily reports; ensure fire report accuracy; update dispatch center websites; and track trends and weather to assist fire managers' decision-making.



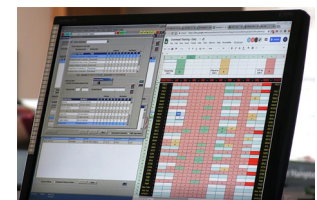
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### RADIO COMMUNICATION



### FIRE DISPATCH SYSTEMS



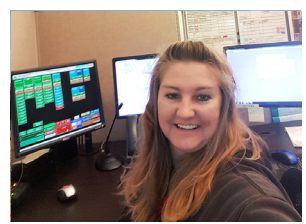
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