**Ten Standard Orders**

**Ten Standard Firefighting Orders**

*These basic ten guidelines have been successfully used by thousands of firefighters and leaders for more than forty years.*

*Appropriate use of these fundamental guidelines enable companies to safely work in hazardous locations because they have the ability to get an early warning of any serious hazard, and have the ability to escape to a safety zone before any fire behavior change could cause an entrapment.*

*These guidelines are also relevant for predicting and preventing many other fireline casualties*

1. **Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts.**
2. **Know what your fire is doing at all times.**
3. **Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire.**
4. **Identify escape routes and safety zones and make them known.**
5. **Post a lookout where there is possible danger**
6. **Be alert. Keep calm. Think clearly. Act decisively.**
7. **Maintain prompt communication with your forces, your supervisor, and adjoining forces.**
8. **Give clear instructions and insure they are understood**
9. **Maintain control of your forces at all times.**
10. **Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first**

**Vocabulary:**

Look up the following words and give definitions for how they are used in the standards, above.

1. Conditions (1:)
2. Forecast (1):
3. Base (3):
4. Identify (4)
5. Lookout (5):
6. Post (5):
7. Decisive (6):
8. Maintain (7):
9. Prompt (7):
10. Forces (7):
11. Adjoining (7)
12. Insure (8):
13. Aggressive (10)
14. Paraphrase each of the 10
15. Standard (title):

**Paraphrase:** put each of the 10 standards into your own words to explain what they mean. You might not know exactly what fires can be expected to do, but try to put yourself in the position of the firefighter who must know all these rules to help protect people, property, and forest lands.

1. Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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1. Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first

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