



**NWCG Operations and Workforce Development Committee
Leadership Subcommittee**



To: NWCG Operation and Workforce Development Committee
From: NWCG Leadership Subcommittee
Subject: Response to GATR Leadership Fire Staff Ride Opportunity Paper
Date: December 14, 2011

Background

The Geographic Area Training Representatives (GATR) requested a single L number be assigned to leadership staff rides contained in the Staff Ride Library for scheduling, advertising, and validating leadership staff rides. Currently, IQCS has assigned N9024 for training officers to utilize during the IQCS nomination process.

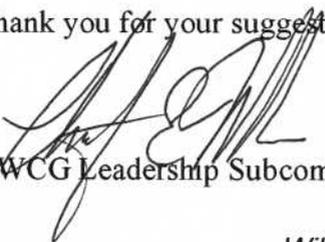
NWCG Leadership Subcommittee Response

The Leadership Subcommittee (LSC) recognizes that creating an L number for staff rides does in fact make sense at some level; however, the impacts on the entire leadership curriculum far outweigh the benefits. The LSC is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the leadership curriculum and feels that one number for all staff rides is not sufficient and would inevitably produce a cascading effect upon the entire curriculum. As a numbering mechanism currently exists to process and track nominations within IQCS through N9024, the LSC is opposed to assigning a specific L number to staff rides at this time.

Numbering conventions for various leadership events—specifically staff rides—has been an ongoing topic of LSC discussion, including assigning L numbers to staff rides not formally recognized by the LSC. The LSC is responsible for determining whether or not the leadership event meets specific training criteria and objectives or are merely events, site visits or case studies using delivery mechanisms similar to that of a TDGS/STEX. At the present time, only the Gettysburg Staff Ride meets the criteria. The LSC, in conjunction with the Lessons Learned Center, may conduct a national staff ride workshop in 2013 to help educate the field on staff ride development and delivery.

The LSC will continue to address the L numbering issue as we move forward with curriculum maintenance and development.

Thank you for your suggestion and support of the leadership program.


NWCG Leadership Subcommittee Chair