

# HEALTH AND SAFETY MESSAGE

*Every person must have a briefing prior to going on line.*

INCIDENT: County Line Wildfire

DATE: Monday 4-16-2012

TIME: Day Shift

## **Major Hazards and Risks:**

**Look at IRPG Human Factors and Situation Awareness pg. Xi  
'Attitude getting complacent'**

Three things that show a complacent attitude:

1. "This fire is almost over".
2. "I demob soon so I will just breeze through the day"
3. "All the fire is doing is smoldering around"

Time and experience and tragedies have shown that when we get complacent we let our guard down, and lose focus. This is when accidents happen.

Three things to help mitigate a complacent attitude:

1. Check all your PPE and equipment and make it ready, think 'worst case scenario'.
2. Review and update all contingencies. Practice scenarios, when practical, to build team work.
3. Look at the IRPG page 4 and discuss the 'Common Denominators of Fire Behavior on Tragedy Fires'



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