LIFE FIRST polled the field and asked: Where is there unnecessary risk to firefighters?

4 activities were identified: driving, aviation, mop-up, & communication

Forest Service Senior Fire Leaders created and tasked the Large Fire Risk Sharing Group to focus on these 4 activities

The concept of Risk Management Assistance Teams (RMAT) was developed

CORE PRINCIPLES of an RMAT team are to: improve decision quality, reduce unnecessary exposure, increase the use of fire, and be wiser with our investments.

RMAT helps the agency administrator and IMT by using existing and emerging analytics in 4 primary areas.

Team composition, including a delegation of authority from the RF, includes a line officer, operations, risk management, logistics, analysis, and incident operations/command.

Throughout 2017 and the spring of 2018, this group was expanded to include or augment expertise in leadership, public affairs, risk management, logistics, analysis, and incident operations/command.

Decision quality and communication

Fire modeling and prioritization

Trade-offs of alternative courses of action

Aviation effectiveness and suppression difficulty