

Science Operations Officer Training Advisory Panel Charter

SOO Training Advisory Panel

The Science Operations Officer (SOO) Training Advisory Panel (TAP) was empowered by the NWS Field Requirements Group (FRG) and Continuous Learning Division (CLD) to investigate, identify, and improve SOO job-related training. The impetus for this initiative came as a result of comments and suggestions provided by SOOs during the COMET Mesoscale Analysis and Prediction Course (COMAP) held during October 2003 (FY04). The scope of this directive was broadened during the National Strategic Training and Education Plan (NSTEP) annual meeting in November 2003 to consider general SOO job specific training.

Vision:

The SOO TAP shall provide an effective process by which SOO job-related training needs can be identified, prioritized, and presented to the FRG, CLD, and COMET for implementation, with the overarching goal of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the NWS SOO as a leader in the forecast office.

Objectives:

- To evaluate the current structure and content of the COMET Mesoscale Analysis and Prediction Course (COMAP) and provide recommendations for improvement.
- To assess the state of current job-specific training opportunities and materials for both newly commissioned and tenured SOOs, to identify any human factors training needs, and to identify and prioritize training.

Recommendations:

- Shall be integrated into the COMAP course sponsored by COMET.
- Shall be implemented nationally as part of a comprehensive SOO training plan.

Reporting

- Monthly progress reports shall be provided by the team leader to the members of the FRG, CLD, and COMET.
- Final report presented to the FRG, CLD, and COMET when process is completed.

Membership

- 1-3 SOOs or field experts from each of the 6 regions
- 1 member from COMET
- 1 member from NWS Continuous Learning Division (Leader)

Panel Members:

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