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Press Release



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HEADLINE: Paul Hefner, Type 1 Incident Commander, Joins Business Development Team

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(GLEN ELLYN, IL - February 27, 2008) - Group 1 Solutions, Inc. (Group 1) is very pleased to announce that Paul Hefner, Type 1 Incident Commander, has joined our fire industry team as ICS/Wildland Operations Team Leader. Paul's focus will be on educating wildland teams and related groups on the benefits of Group 1's tactical response application, *REMOTE ACCESS*™.

Paul's career started at the Riverside County Fire Lab as a field tech on the FOCUS project. With the 1972 fire planning being implemented in the Southwest Region, was offered a position on the Payson Ranger District to start up a Hot Shot Crew in 1973. As any Forest Service (FS) employee of that era, he was striving for that full time position which came true with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in 1975 as Assistant Fire Management Officer in Burns, Oregon. That position later turned in to the Fire Management Officer in 1978 and he remained there until offered a position in 1985 as Fire Operations Center Manager in Grand Junction. After the 1994 fire season in Colorado he became the Colorado State Fire Operations Specialist. During this period he was active in local emergency management and conducted numerous courses and exercises for local government relating to the Incident Command System. During this entire period, he was actively involved in fire teams as Sector Boss, Line Boss (later Operations Section Chief) and Planning Section Chief. In 1986 was selected as Incident Commander (IC) on one of the two teams in Rocky Mountain Area. Later in 1992 became Deputy IC on Type 1 team for the Rocky Mountain Area and remained in that position until a career move in 1996. This move was to the National Office of Fire and Aviation in Boise as Fire Operations Specialist, focusing on development of the Standards for Fire and Aviation, national coordination of BLM fire facility development, fire preparedness reviews and fire engine program development. Paul was involved not only in local forest fire management but in other national level projects such as FS co-representative on interagency Standards For Fire and Aviation Operations, Steering Group Chairman "Fire Program Management" course, on the faculty of 520/620 and Chairman of the National Incident Commander/Area Commander Advisory Group. He has been Incident Commander on the Great Basin Type 1 team and has completed Area Commander Training and is currently qualified as Area Commander. Paul retired from the Forest Service in November of 2004 with a total of 34 years with BLM and FS.

Group 1 Solutions, Inc. is a professional services firm exclusively serving all units of government with consulting, conversion services, and advanced software solutions for civilian and military force and property protection. With over 4,000 licenses, helping protect over 17 million citizens throughout the United States as well as the brave men and women in our armed forces, *REMOTE ACCESS* is the market leader in GIS-centric mobile intelligence solutions. To learn more about *REMOTE ACCESS* and Group 1, please contact one of the offices listed below.

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