

Minnesota Incident Command System



Annual Report 2019



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Minnesota Incident Command System

MNICS Mission:

To provide coordination, education and implementation of the Incident Command System in Minnesota and support fire and all-risk incidents in the nation.

MNICS Goals:

- Provide timely, safe, and cost-effective mobilization and demobilization of resources under the closest forces concept.
- Collect and disseminate intelligence data within specified local and national time frames.
- Assess the capabilities within Minnesota to respond to critical emergency situations.

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Message from the Chair

The Minnesota Incident Command Systems is impressive coordination of interagency cooperation dating back 35 years. Each year presents unknown challenges. At times our firefighting and all-risk response efforts can be stretched thin, while other years can be minimal to slow.

2019 has been no ordinary year. Beginning with the federal shutdown, we felt an impact to our training efforts and budgets. But, MNICS was designed to be resilient during these challenges, and the support of our Federal and State partnerships allows us to carry through.

The term slow has been very pronounced in the wildland fire and all-risk response for MNICS this year, both in and out-of-state. Despite this slower than usual year, MNICS personnel continue to strive for greatness. The effort you put forth into improving our processes, our facilities, and empowering our employees has not been slowed.

This year marked the first year implementing our Type 3 Incident Management Teams. The incredible work involved with the coordination of this effort, and the response from our applicants to form and fill these teams was remarkable. MNICS leadership is proud of the work and commitment from all of you, and we look forward to the continued development and utilization of our MNICS Type 3 teams. MNICS leadership is also confident that the commitment of our Minnesota resources to the Eastern Area Teams will provide the necessary support for our local and national response efforts.

On behalf of the MNICS Task Force, thank you for all that you do. We look forward to another rewarding year ahead.

Chase Marshall (US Forest Service) MNICS 2019 Task Force Chair.

National Weather Service

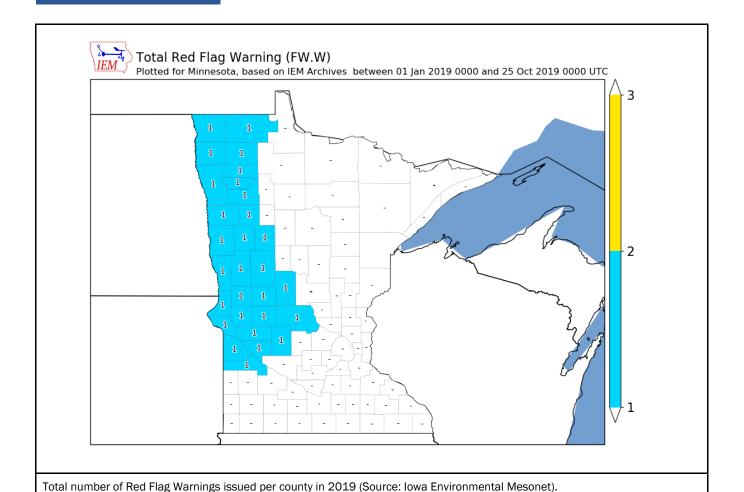
The winter of 2018-2019 was colder, wetter and snowier than usual. Winter arrived in early November.

Conditions remained wet in the spring across the majority of the state. The only exception was a band across far northern Minnesota where approximately three-quarters of the average precipitation fell.

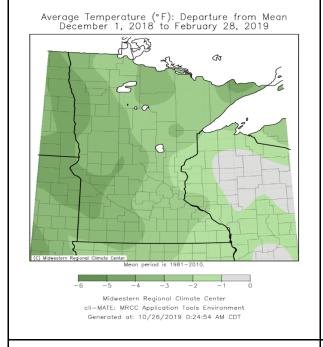


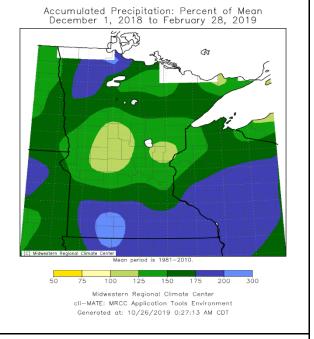
Colder than normal conditions continued across all of Minnesota through the spring. Much of the state saw above-normal precipitation through the spring. This lead to a quiet spring fire weather season where only one Red Flag Warning was issued. On the 25th of April, western portions of the state saw the only Red Flag Warning issued.

The summer largely saw normal temperatures with near-normal precipitation statewide. The fall saw wetter than normal conditions statewide with near-normal temperatures – the wetter than normal conditions alleviated any fire weather concerns.



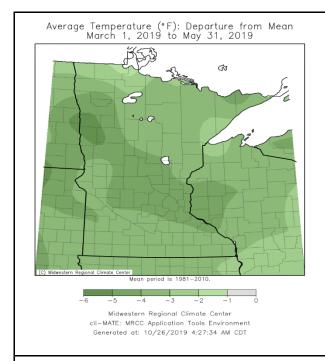
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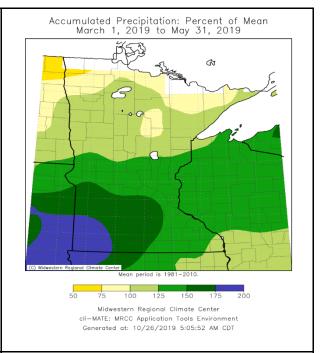




Average temperature departure from normal December 2018 to February 2019. (Source: Midwestern Regional Climate Center)

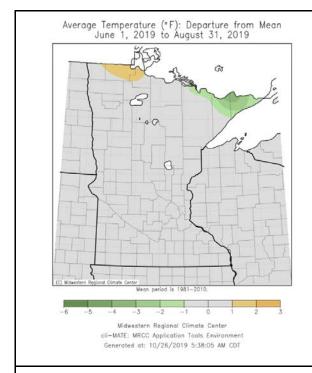
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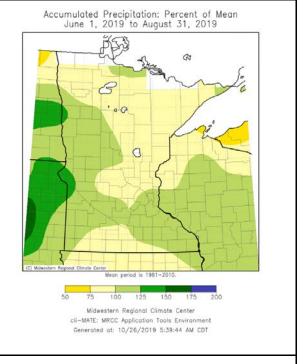




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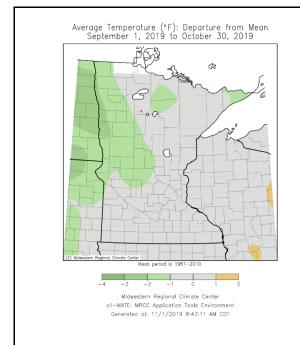
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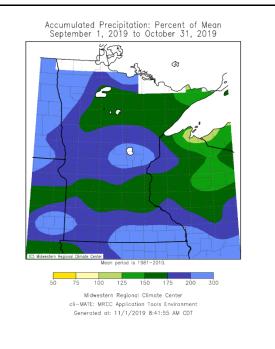




Average temperature departure from normal summer 2019. (Source: Midwestern Regional Climate Center)

Average precipitation percent of normal summer 2019. (Source: Midwestern Regional Climate Center)





Average temperature departure from normal

September through October 2019. (Source: Midwestern Regional Climate Center)

Average precipitation percent of normal

September through October 2019. (Source: Midwestern Regional Climate Center)



MNCC Intelligence

Wildfire activity throughout Minnesota, was minimal for 2019. Minnesota's spring fire season was at an all-time low, and wildfire was nearly 30% less active compared to 2018.

Fire Weather

Last year ended fairly gloomy, cool, but dry. The cold and snow continued through the winter of 2018-2019 and into spring. May saw record snow and wet, however, continued drying potential remained in the Northwest.

Timely rainfall throughout the spring the continued into the summer kept fire activity to a limited period of late May into early June. The number of fires this spring was at an all-time low.

Southern Minnesota experienced intense rain during the month of June that resulted in flooding and tornadic activity in the west-central and southwest portion of the state.

July brought a heatwave across the entire state. The heatwave provided energy for tornadic activity in the far north-central part of the state. Timely rains continued greatly, shrinking the areas of dryness that initiated last fall.

This fall continued to be cool and wet late into the season. An early blizzard in mid-October brought a mix of precipitation to the NW corner of Minnesota.

Minnesota Wildfires

As of November 15, 2019, MNICS agencies reported 1,003 wildfires totaling 5,860 acres; of those:

- DNR = 636 fires / 4,622 acres
- FWS = 18 fires / 597 acres
- USFS = 50 fires / 74 acres
- BIA = 310 fires / 564 acres

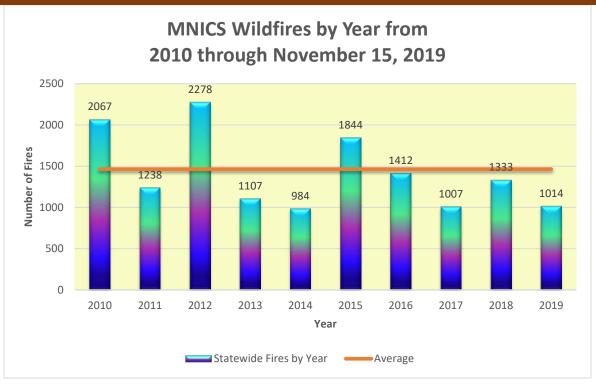
Prescribed Burning

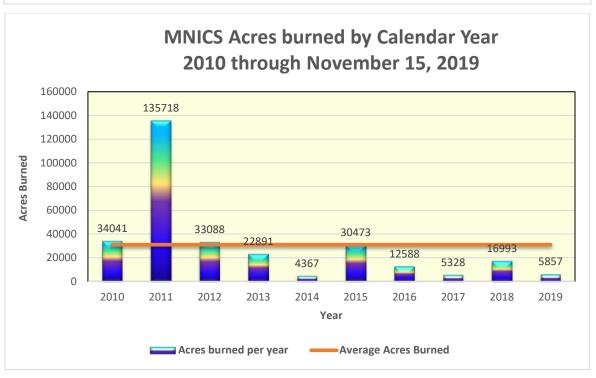
This year, MNICS agencies planned a total of 960 burns for over 162,333 planned acres. As of November 12, 2019 a total of 712 burns were reported for 101,416 acres.

- DNR = 367 burns / 43,570 acres
- FWS = 173 burns / 34,548 acres
- USFS = 108 burns / 7,557 acres
- BIA = 65 burns / 15,778 acres



MNICS Wildfires and Prescribed Burns





Minnesota Interagency Coordination Center (MNCC)

The fire response in Minnesota was less than average for the 2019 fiscal year. MNICS did not mobilize any Type 2 Incident Management Teams. However, in the fall of 2018, a MNICS Type 3 team was deployed to the Moose River West fire in the area of Warroad, MN. As of spring 2019, the MNICS T2 teams have consolidated with the Eastern Area teams, and MNICS now rosters in-state Type 3 teams.

Team A was led by Incident Commander Ernie Schmitt, Team B was led by Incident Commanders Nick Petrack and Tom Roach, Team C was led by Incident Commander Jim Edgar. Due to the low fire activity throughout the state, no Type 3 teams were activated for response.

A MNICS T2 Incident Management Team, with Mike Aultman as the IC, successfully coordinated the 2019 Minnesota Wildfire Academy in June.

Out-of-state mobilizations (Jan. 1 to Oct. 25, 2019)

Nationally, fire activity during the 2019 season was low 2019, resulting in a dramatic decrease in resource requests. Since July of 2018, the MN DNR has sent 90 agency employees to assist with out-of-state firefighting efforts. Responding to out-of-state mutual aid requests helps the MN DNR reduce the cost to maintain response personnel and equipment. It also helps to ensure Minnesota's access to mutual aid when needed.



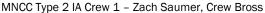
Personnel Numbers	MNDNR	USFS	FWS	BIA/Tribal	NPS	Total
Crews	14	13	2	7	2	38
Rigs in support of crew mobilizations						
*Not included in personnel totals	7	11	4	1	-	23
Engines	3	10	4	4	-	21
Aviation	8	2	-		-	10
Single Resources	123	158	34	50	3	368
	155	194	44	62	5	460

THANK YOU!

We extend a sincere thank you to our dispatch community for all the assistance this year. We relied on many of you to help fill out our staffing shortages and provide expertise in training. We will continue to need all of you in the future. Your continued support and willingness to help at the local level is greatly appreciated.

2019 MNICS T2 IA Crew Mobilizations







MNCC Type 2 IA Crew 2 - Terry Shields, Crew Boss

MNICS rostered two Type 2 Initial Attack (IA) crews in 2019. The slower fire season experienced throughout the U.S. resulted in two crew mobilizations for each crew. Compared to 2018, requests were down slightly, but total assignments were similar. The 2019 crew mobilizations were as follows:

Crew 1 – led by CRWB Zach Saumer

- Mobilization #1 2019 AICC Support of Alaska Forest Service, reassigned to Chalkyistsik fire.
- Mobilization #2 2019 ONC Staging California, reassigned to the Lime Fire on the Klamath National Forest.

Crew 2 – led by CRWB Terry Shields

- Mobilization #1 2019 AICC Support of Alaska Forest Service, reassigned to Rainbow 2 fire.
- . Mobilization #2 2019 ONCS Support California, reassigned to the Lime Fires on the Klamath National Forest, reassigned to the Bar Fire on the Klamath National Forest.



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North to Alaska via NICC Jet

Coordinating firefighting resources throughout the United States is no small task. Not only are coordination centers asked to locate available crew resources, but they must also consider safe travel arrangements for firefighters and overhead resources from their home duty station to the assignment.

The Minnesota Interagency Coordination Center (MNCC) receives thousands of requests each year to mobilize Minnesota's resources both in and out-of-state. There are times, however, when coordination efforts take on more than in-state personnel, requiring a centralized effort to dispatch multi-state resources through one mobilization location.

On July 26, 2019, a multi crew request from the Alaska Department of Forestry, seeking five Type 2 Initial Attack crews, was placed to the Eastern Area Coordination Center. Alaska was experiencing one of its most active fire seasons on record, with over 2.1 million acres already burned and available local resources running thin.

The Eastern Area Coordination Center (EACC) reached out to the MNCC, requesting both MNICS Type 2 Initial Attack Crews to help fill the request. EACC advised MNCC that the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) Jet would be utilized to mobilize the MNICS crews along with three additional crews from Wisconsin, Indiana, and Missouri. Altogether 100 firefighters were preparing to fly out of Minnesota on the NICC chartered Boeing 737, in route to Fort Andrews Military Base in Fairbanks, AK.



The MNIC Type 2 IA crews receive a briefing from MNCC center Manager Rebekah Luedtke prior to departing MIFC.



MNIC Type 2 IA crews arrive at the Hibbing Range Regional airport.



Preparing for departure multi-state crews stage equipment.

North to Alaska via NICC Jet



Multi-state crews preparing to load and board the NICC Jet.



Loading and boarding the NICC Jet.

MNCC determined that the Hibbing Range Regional Airport provided the proper facilities and runway support for the 737 jet and joint mobilization of the five crews. After filling the five crew orders, dispatchers from the four states worked as a team to secure overnight lodging, complete any last-minute supply requests, and coordinate coach buses to transport the out-of-state resources and MNICS crews to Hibbing, MN. The MNICS crews arrived at the Minnesota Interagency Fire center on July 27, 2019, for a 10:00 am briefing, and departed MIFC by 10:45 am.

Upon arrival at the Hibbing Range Regional Airport, all five state crews were provided lunch before boarding the 5 ½ hour flight to Fort Andrews in Fairbanks, AK.

Crews began loading their gear and boarding the 737 at 12:30 pm. By 1:45 pm, all 100 firefighters were in the air off to their Alaska assignments. Crews landed safely at Fort Andrews in Fairbanks, AK, on July 28, 2019, joining other out-of-state crews from California, New Jersey, Ohio, and Oregon.

Coordination of this scale is incredible and requires a quick and timely response from National, Regional, and State coordination center dispatchers. The last NICC jet to mobilize crews from Minnesota happened in 2013. Mobilizing Type 2 IA crews via air travel is unusual for MNCC, and it is even more unusual to use the NICC jet. A standard Type 2 IA crew order will request our Minnesota's resources to provide their own transportation and drive to fires across the lower 48 states.



100 Type 2 IA crew members from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Missouri Crews.

2019 Minnesota MNICS Aviation Program Summary

Minnesota Aviation Program (Spring 2019 through September 2019)

- All MNICS aircraft requests were dispatched through the MNCC Aviation Desk.
- The MNCC Aviation desk received 112 aircraft requests (2018-304) for 74 fires (2018-120).
- Aircraft contracted /utilized/shared in Minnesota for wildfire response:

		Helico	oters		SE	ATs	Fire Boss Fixed Wing		d Wing		UAS		
Agency	T3 Excl Use	T3 CWN	T2 CWN	T1 EU	Excl Use	CWN	Excl Use	CWN	LAT	CL- 415	ATGS	Lt F/W	Quad
BIA	1				1		1						
BIA/DNR		1											
BIA/DNR/ USFS													
MN DNR Forestry	8				2		4				5	16	
USFS	4			1							1	4	
State Patrol													
MN DNR Enforcement													
MNARNG													

Wildfire Academy

- Conducted 3 scenarios using various aircraft
- Incident within an Incident: Aerial Platform, DNR Forestry Helicopter, State Patrol MART Team, and Life Link Helicopter
- Initial Attack Scenario: ATGS, DNR Fire Boss, and DNR Helicopter
- Helicopter Crewmember S-271



Aviation Report



Aviation Report



Host Spring MNICS/GLFFC Meeting in Duluth

- Exchanged aviation asset availability and dispatch procedures
- Joined EA IMT for "The Privilege of Leading" presentation, CRM presentation and UAS USFS Program update

Accomplished the following DNR helicopter projects

- Aerial Seeding and Seedling Transport
- Aerial Herbicide Spraying
- Aerial Regeneration Surveys
- Aerial Ignition PSD 2500 acres
- Hover Exit training at 4 bases

Accomplished the following USFS Aviation projects

- Approximately 3,800 acres of aerial ignition-PSD
- Stocked fish in 4 lakes for MN DNR Fisheries
- Performed 13 Search and Rescue missions
- Completed 29 Wolf, Moose and Deer surveys for USGS

Training and Briefings

- Annual MN Aviation Workshop held in February at Camp Ripley, included Wisconsin aviation personnel.
- Developed and shared Aerial & Ground-Based Suppression –
 Effectiveness & Safety at wildfire refreshers
- Conducted classroom and flight training for MN DNR enforcement
- Delivered aviation training to many RFD members

Assistance to Minnesota (Jan 1 - Sept 18, 2019)

- USFS Helicopter Inspector Pilot Bill Sloan for interagency carding
- USFS Helicopter Inspector Pilot Larry Roberts for MNARNG flight evaluation
- Montana, Nevada, Wyoming and Oregon provided support to the Aviation desk – sending both aircraft dispatchers and supervisory dispatchers to help
- Fixed wing base support limited to 2 personnel due to no fire activity

Out-State Assistance

- MN DNR Helitack supported a USFS CWN Helicopter that assisted with prescribed burns in WI and fires in MI
- MN Exclusive Use Fire Boss FB-204 mobilized to Michigan for 36 days (7/30-9/3)
- 60 Aviation overhead resources mobilized, including 11 trainees mobilized out of state this year
 - Mobilized to 15 states and supported 41 separate incidents
 - ATGS, HECM and SEMG were the most common requests filled
- 9 Red Lake aviation personnel mobilized out-of-state to support the BIA Helitack modules and SEATs for a total of 347 days

2019 FIRE SEASON STATISTICS (1/1/19 - 9/18/19)

MN Fire Statistics

- 971 fires for 5,283 acres (2018 1,281 fires for 15,942 acres;
 2017 846 fires for 2,606 acres).
- MN DNR was responsible for 624 fires totaling 4,598 acres.
- Other agencies (USFS, BIA, NPS and USFWS) had a total of 347 fires for 685 acres.

Aviation Dispatches

- MNCC Aviation desk received 112 aircraft requests on 74 fires.
 - o Helicopter 73
 - o Air Attack 16
 - o Tankers 23

Aviation resources logged 126 hours of flight time (2018 – 718 hours) responding to those requests.

Helicopters

- 68 DNR fires
- 4 USFS fires
- 5 BIA fires with the Red Lake Helitack (31 flight hours)
- First mission flown on April 4th, and the last on August 25th.

Air Attack

- Responded to 16 DNR fires
- Responded to 2 USFS fires
- First mission flown on April 16th, and the last on July 6th.

Fixed Wing Tankers

- Responded to 20 DNR fires
- Responded to 1 BIA fire
- Responded to 0 USFS fires
- First mission flown on April 16th, and the last on July 2nd.

Detection Aircraft – DNR 16 Detection routes 1,322 hours USFS 4 detection aircraft 346.2 hours



Aviation Report



Homeland Security & Emergency Management



State Disaster Recovery

As of October 2019, Governor Tim Walz has authorized the use of the State Disaster Contingency Account for the following state disasters.

- June 27 July 7: Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Redwood, Renville and Wabasha counties reported more than \$5 million in damages to public property and infrastructure following heavy rain and flash flooding.
- July 16 20: Blue Earth, Cottonwood, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Le Sueur, Wabasha and Winona counties reported more than \$2 million in damages to public property and infrastructure following high winds, heavy rain and flooding.

Disaster recovery specialists from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DPS-HSEM) are currently assessing damages from several other severe weather events—which may lead to additional state disaster declarations and Emergency Management (DPS-HSEM) are currently assessing damages from several other severe weather events—which may lead to additional state disaster declarations.





Federal Disaster Declaration

Fifty counties and five tribal nations in Minnesota will receive federal disaster assistance following severe weather in March and April-including flooding, ice and high winds. The presidential disaster declaration means counties and tribes will be reimbursed for repairs to more than \$39 million in damaged public property; as well as response costs. HSEM will work with FEMA to fund 75 percent of those costs. Under state law, Minnesota will pay the 25 percent non-federal share.

Public Outreach

As DPS Commissioner John Harrington shapes DPS to his vision, he has made public outreach a priority across the state. This includes increasing multilingual communication through a unique partnership with Twin Cities Public Television's TPT | Now public service channel. The collaboration allows DPS to communicate public safety messages in four languages – English Hmong, Spanish and Somali.

Homeland Security & Emergency Management



In addition, efforts are underway to implement real-time closed captioning for all DPS video products. HSEM has secured grant money to begin phase one of this project with DPS' Office of Communications. Once completed, this project will allow DPS to continue to meet the communication needs of all Minnesotans before, during and after an emergency.

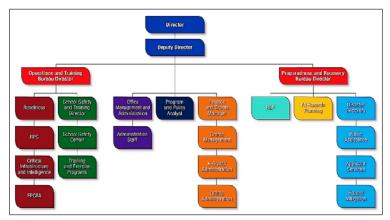
A renewed focus on public outreach means you will see HSEM Director Joe Kelly and HSEM Deputy Director Kevin Reed (and other HSEM staff) out and about across the state on a more regular basis. Here are just some public events we attended in 2019:

- Fisherman's Picnic in Grand Marais
- National Night Out in St. Paul
- The Minnesota State Fair

HSEM Reorganization

One of the HSEM strategic plan objectives is to reorganize the division to a "fiscally sustainable structure that preserves core capabilities." To that end, HSEM's reorganization plan took effect in September 2019.

The plan eliminated four branch directors for operations, recovery, preparedness, and organizational development. Those positions were replaced by two new bureau directors: one for operations and training and the other for preparedness and recovery. HSEM also eliminated the rest of the organizational development team, but reactivated a program and policy analyst position to support the new leadership group.



Finally, HSEM also did not fill the vacant community emergency preparedness (CEP) exercise coordinator position. The training and exercise team is assuming the responsibilities of the community and emergency preparedness (CEP) exercise coordinator position with the assistance and involvement of the regional program coordinators (RPC).

State Teams on the Move

The state contracted response teams (hazmat, technical rescue, and bomb squads) went on the move to the State Fire Marshal (SFM) on May 1. This move also included the state railroad and pipeline safety program, as well as the federal hazmat emergency preparedness (HMEP) grant program.

Minnesota School Safety Center Additions

The Minnesota School Safety Center (MnSSC) is preparing to welcome two new colleagues with the addition of a school emergency technology coordinator and a school communications coordinator. The 2019 Legislature approved \$250,000 each year over the next two years to support the new positions. The MnSSC hopes to welcome the new members in early 2020.

of Indian Affairs







The MNICS partnerships are part of the foundation that allows for safe and effective wildland fire operations in Minnesota and throughout the United States. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and Tribal Fire Programs of the Minnesota Agency and Red Lake are proud to serve their communities and assist our interagency partners.

The 2019 wildfire season was slower than average due to the wet conditions. Both average acres and occurrence were lower in 2018. The BIA and Tribal resources made the most of all of the available burn windows and took advantage of having the Bay Mills Module from Michigan Agency here again this spring. Highlights from the 2019 burn season included completing the first prescribed fire treatment at Crooked Creek, which is an oak savannah restoration project on the Mille Lacs Reservation. The project is a collaboration between the BIA, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and St. Croix State Park.

Reservation	Wildfires	Acres	Prescribed Fires	Acres
Red Lake	226	438.9	21	14,527
White Earth	65	110.15	32	946
Fond du Lac	1	0.25	1	10
Mille Lacs	15	14	3	110
Bois Forte	2	0.75	1	20
Grand Portage	1	0.10	4	111
Leech Lake	N/A	N/A	3	54
Total	310	564.15	65	15,778

The BIA continued exclusive use aircraft contracts for a Fire Boss and SEAT at the Bemidji Interagency Airtanker Base. The Red Lake Helitack crew staffed the BIA exclusive use Type III helicopter in Bemidji/Red Lake and supported the many of the other BIA Helitack modules around the country throughout the fire season.

Assignments out of state in 2019 included engine mobilizations, MNICS Type II IA crew assignments, fire prevention, helitack, SEAT base support, and security details.

Carl Crawford joined the BIA in September as a Fire Management Specialist, and Cory Berg accepted the FMO position in March. Both Carl and Cory are working out of the Minnesota Agency Office in Bemidji, MN.

18 Contributor: Cory Berg

The Border Park Zone consists of seven National Park Service units in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. They include Voyageurs National Park, Grand Portage National Monument and Monument. Also included within the Border Park Zone are the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Isle Royale National Park, and Keewena National Monument. The North Dakota Park units include Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Fort Union National Monument Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site with a Zone FMO Rod Skalsky located at Knife River.

Prescribed Burning was conducted at Theodore Roosevelt National Park this past season with assistance from staff at Voyageurs. We are continuing to grow into our new identity.

Voyageurs National Park continues to support the MNICS Initial Attack T2 IA program providing firefighters and vehicles. Individuals from Voyageurs, took part in the MNICS T2 IA crews traveling to Alaska and California during a slow fire season.

Along with a slow western fire season, it was a wet summer here, with zero fires. The only excitement at Voyageurs was a tornado that touched down on July 17, 2019, and took out a swath about 3.5 miles long and 600 yards wide. It was classified as an EF1 with winds up to 100mph, there were no injuries or damaged property.

On another note, Dave Niemi retired this past year, and Jay Nickey was selected as the new Deputy Regional Fire Management Officer. Nickey came from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and brings a lot of experience to this new role. We look forward to working with Nickey as we move forward.







Contributor: Kurt Fogelberg

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Personnel Changes

- Don Lantz Zone WUI Coordinator retired in September after 24 years in Federal Service.
- ➤ Eric Mark left The Nature Conservancy and joined the fire staff at Glacial Ridge NWR as an AFMO.
- Kyle Avesing joined the fire staff at Morris WMD as a Fire Technician.



It has been a wet year with minimal wildfire activity. However, the prescribed fire season was highly successful in spite of the weather. Prescribed fire totals for all fifteen Refuges/Districts in Minnesota was 173 RX treatments for 34,548 acres. The safe and successful season was possible due to the support from our partners both in state and out state. Thank you to the National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management (Montana and Wyoming), the US Forest Service and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Division of Forestry and Wildlife).

The wildfire season was active with 17 wildfires for 596 acres on FWS property and assisting our MNICS partners on many other fires.

A special thanks to MNCC for your efforts mobilizing 51 individual resources into the state, enabling FWS to have a safe and productive year.

BIG PROJECTS OR HAPPENINGS

Fish and Wildlife Service continues to support its partnership US Air Force and send resources to assist prescribed fire throughout the nation as well as sending resources off station to assist 4 National Forests and 2 National Wildlife Refuges. Fifty-one resources detailed off station to contribute fire management throughout the country.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (as of Sept 30, 2019)								
Station	Wildfires	WF	RX	RX Acres				
		Acres	Burns					
AGASSIZ NWR	1	3	5	4,863				
BIG STONE NWR	0	0	7	1,574				
CRANE MEADOWS NWR	0	0	5	246				
DETROIT LAKES WMD	4	107	15	3,397				
FERGUS FALLS WMD	1	307	24	3,457				
GLACIAL RIDGE NWR	0	0	4	380				
HAMDEN SLOUGH NWR	0	0	2	300				
LITCHFIELD WMD	2	36	24	3,072				
MN VLY NWR	1	1	12	1,533				
MORRIS WMD	2	133	23	4,864				
RICE LAKE NWR	1	1	0	0				
SHERBURNE NWR	5	7	17	7,170				
TAMARAC NWR	0	0	4	238				
WINONA DIST	0	0	1	33				
WINDOM WMD	0	0	30	3,421				
Zone Totals	17	596	173	34,548				

Training

The Fish and Wildlife Service coordinated RX-219 Fire Firing Operations at the MN Wildfire Academy and assisted with several other courses. FWS also coordinated S-290 Intermediate Fire Behavior in December at Sherburne NWR.



U S Fish & Wildlife Service



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US Forest Service

Wildfires

The Chippewa National Forest began spring fire season in late April on the 23rd. There were a total of 25 fires for just under 50 acres this year. The largest fire was the Tamarack Fire on the Walker Ranger District, which started on April 25th and burned in grass and timber. Helicopter 3BH assisted in the fire with bucket work.

The Superior National Forest had its first fire on April 28th this season. There were 24 fires in



total and accumulated about 23 acres over the season. The largest fire was the Gunsten Fire, for about 7 acres, in which Beaver 2 assisted with initial size up information and various other partner resources were ordered to help with the effort.

Both the Chippewa and Superior National Forests were able to send resources to assist in the sporadic national activity to assist with prescribed burns and wildfires. Regionally, we assisted Michigan and Wisconsin as well as sending resources to Alaska, New Mexico, and even Florida, to name a few. The forests were also able to contribute to the Women in Wildfire crew, sending several folks out to support that effort. Resources were various engines, crews, and single resources.





US Forest Service

Prescribed Fires

The Chippewa National Forest led the Prescribed Fire season with the large aerial Boy River Rx for 2,593 acres on April 19th. There were 11 ignition days total this year for a total of 3,168 acres total at the time of reporting.

The Superior National Forest started the prescribed burn season this year on March 28th on the Laurentian district. There were 85 ignition days this season including aerial and hand ignitions and pile burning. North School Section Rx, Satellite Rx, and Pitcha Pines were some of the larger burns across the forest which were completed. In total, the Superior National Forest achieved about 4,239 acres burning this season.

The burn program will continue on both forests with pile burning operations as weather and staffing allows through the year. Thank you to all cooperators and partners for the help and support this season.

USFS Aviation

- USFS 4 detection aircraft for 346.2 hours.
- USFS Air Attack responded to 2 fires
- USFS helicopter responded to 3 DNR fires and 4 FS fires
- The Superior Helitack crew mobilized to the UP of MI and TN this year to support area operations.



MNCC Operations Dispatch

This season the MNCC Operations was staffed by the Assistant Center Manager of Operations, Ryan Kingsley, Lead Operations Dispatchers Leith McAuley and Amanda Jones, and seasonal initial attack dispatchers Angela Porter and Jim Burke.

We have experienced much change and transition within the function this year and as the year comes to a close we wish Jim Burke the best of luck in his official retirement. Ryan Kingsley accepted a transfer to the Northeast Regional Supply Cache. Amanda Jones accepted a 120 day detail into the Assistant Center Manager of Operations role. Leith McAuley completed a 120 detail into the Assistant Center Manager of Operations at the Great Plains Interagency Dispatch Center in Rapid City, SD this summer.

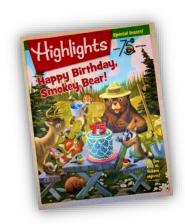
We sent dispatchers from the initial attack function to Mississippi and Michigan to support unit operations. We also welcomed detailers from partner agencies in MN and a long-term detailer, Ashley Sawtelle, from Wyoming, who was integral to our continued coverage over the season. Thank you to everyone who helped out in the office and supported our program this year.

Minnesota DNR

As of November 15, 2019, the MN DNR has reported suppression action on 636 wildfires for 4,622 acres burned. Two large fires required ICS-209s in 2019. Both fires occurred in northwest Minnesota. One fire was at the end of May and the other was in August. The largest was the Magnum Fire in the Warroad area totaling 660 acres.

The MNDNR also reported completing 367 burns totaling 43,570 acres.

In June, a crew of seventeen firefighters and two helicopter coordinators were dispatched through the Great Lake Forest Fire Complex to support fire suppression efforts in Ontario, Canada.



Prevention and Firewise

In addition to recurring fire prevention efforts, 2019 was an even more significant and celebratory year with recognition of Smokey Bear's 75th birthday. Planning and coordination began in 2018 through the MNICS



Prevention Working Team and the Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact Prevention Committee, as well as regular conference calls with other state forestry fire prevention staff.

In April, MN DNR learned it would be invited to meet the #SmokeyBearChallenge by the Wisconsin DNR. The challenge originated with the South Carolina Forestry Commission with the goal of creating a brief, creative video to celebrate Smokey's birthday.

MN DNR met the challenge, and produced an educational and a lighthearted video promoting Smokey's birthday along with the impacts of drone operation near active wildfires. Taking a multitopic approach ensures the video will stay useful well beyond Smokey's birthday celebration. The video – "Drop your Drone During a Fire" – is available on the MN DNR YouTube channel (youtube.com/MinnesotaDNR).



Local parades, county fairs and presentations to community groups continued to be the focus as well as coordination of the 21st annual Governor's Fire Prevention Day at the Minnesota State Fair.

Record-setting fair attendance for the third consecutive year (2.13 million) was met with 900 hours of staff and volunteer time, resulting in the distribution of approximately 15,000 pieces of wildfire prevention materials. The Roe Family Singers also led a large crowd of state fair visitors in singing happy birthday to Smokey and finished with Smokey's signature song.



Even though Minnesota Wildfire Prevention Week – the third full week of April every year – was met with snow (a.k.a. great fire prevention), radio and print ads along with social media messaging were used to remind Minnesotans that spring is fire season. Throughout the week, Twitter (@mnforestry) engagement earned 26,300 impressions, increase the reach of wildfire prevention messaging. Social media messaging continued throughout fire season.

A GIS mThe volunteer fire warden program continues sharing the responsibility of issuing burning permits across the state, slowly but consistently acquiring or replacing new wardens. Currently there are 2,346 dedicated volunteers annually providing more than 22,000 hours of service.

Additional statistics and highlights:

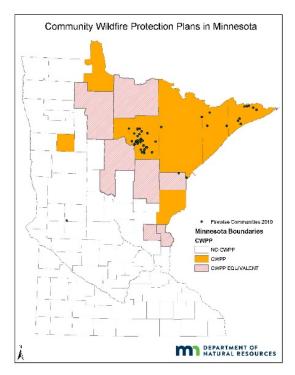
- Recognized Firewise Communities 53 (up 5 from 2018)
- Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) in place 17 (6 county-wide, 4 tribal, area or fire district, 7 CWPP equivalent local/county plans).
- Identified Communities at Risk covered by a CWPP or equivalent plan – 601

Rural fire department assistance

The MNDNR Division of Forestry's Rural Fire Program (RFP) exists to assist local fire departments. The Rural Fire Program objectives are to obtain low cost equipment, manage cost share grants and provide technical expertise for fire departments.

In 2019, the Firefighter Federal property program obtained \$12 million in equipment and supplies. These items were distributed to 375 Minnesota communities and three state agencies. Examples of the items disbursed included medical supplies and tourniquets, equipment such as bandages, defibrillators, and portable generators, as well as rolling stock items like generators, as well as rolling stock items such as a Chevy Tahoe, a Freightliner chassis and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). Many rural fire departments could not afford this equipment if not for the for the FFP program.







Minnesota DNR

The state-funded Rural Fire Program used federal dollars to purchase ten one-ton trucks from the state fleet program at a reduced price. This approach avoids auction and selling costs and passes the savings onto fire departments. Although these trucks have met the criteria for replacement by fleet managers, they still have a service life and can be used as grass trucks to extinguish small fires. The demand by rural fire departments for these units exceeds their availability.

50:50 Grants

The Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant program received 351 applications in FY2019 and awarded 179 grants to Minnesota communities for fire-related projects. Minnesota fire departments that protect communities with 10,000 or fewer people may participate in the VFA grant program. A total of \$530,867.00 in federal and state grants provide cost-share assistance for radios and pagers, personal protective gear, water movement equipment, and wildland firefighting safety items.

This year's grant cycle included an additional \$125,000 in fireworks sales tax funding, which allowed the program to award 44 extra grants to rural communities.

Staffing Updates

- William Glesener Wildfire Operations Supervisor
- Anna Hines Assistant Center Manager, Aviation
- Leanne Langeberg Public Information Officer
- Kevin Carlisle Wildfire Logistics Ground Support
- Steve Day Pilot
- Ashley Schiller Aviation Office Admin Specialist
- Alissa Reynolds Central Firewise Communities Specialist

Training

Minnesota hosted a Section Chiefs Academy through the support of the Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact (GLFFC) in January 2019. Nine separate courses, which focused on the Incident Command System's command and general staff, were offered to 120 students.



Thirty Minnesota DNR dispatchers participated in an Initial Attack Dispatch refresher training in early April to prepare for the 2019 fire season. The refresher incorporated team-based aviation mishap simulations that encouraged real-time response and problem-solving, along with an after-action review for each simulation.

2019 Wildfire Academy

The 2019 Wildfire Academy, held June 3-9, 2018 at the Itasca Community College in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, offered 29 separate courses to MNICS agencies and national participants representing fourteen states. Registrations totaled 862 students and included local Minnesota firefighting professionals from state, federal and tribal land management organizations, and 19 Minnesota fire departments. Often, local fire departments and wildland firefighters work closely together to protect homes, property, and valuable natural and cultural resources for Minnesota's communities. The Minnesota Wildfire Academy is one of 14 academies offered throughout the United States. The significant efforts involved with the coordination and outstanding participation of wildland fire organizations and rural departments, instructors, and students truly make this a successful event.

Northeast Interagency Support Cache

The Northeast Interagency Support Cache (NEK) processed and shipped 3,509 line items of supplies that totaled over \$1.8 million. We processed 1,436 line items of returns for a total of \$1,079,891.

NEK supported the National Cache System by shipping over \$500,000 worth of supplies to Caches in several states, including California, Colorado, Idaho, Kentucky, Montana, New Mexico, and Oregon. NEK also supported the National System by refurbishing pumps for the Southern Area and Rocky Mountain Caches. We also outfitted two Type 2 IA crews for out of state assignments.

The Cache provided supplies and equipment of over \$374,000 for one Wildfire Academy, four college training courses, and eighteen other training sessions. We provided supplies to nine contract helibases, three tanker bases, and for State and Forest Service prescribed burns.

NEK staff supported the western fire season by assisting in the following positions: Cache Liaison, Supply Unit Leader, Materials Handler, and Small Engine Mechanic. Cache personnel did a total of five fire assignments.

The National Symbols Cache

The National Symbols Cache processed 2,282 orders for over \$1 million in sales in 2019, comparable to the sales from 2015 - 2017. These sales numbers were disappointing since it was Smokey's 75th Birthday in August of 2019. One reason for the negative impact on our sales was due to the www.symbols.gov website being down from December 22 until January 28 during the government shutdown and then again from June 1 through October 8 due to a website contract issue. We were able to accept phone orders from July until the website was restored.

We currently stock 91 products, including eighteen Smokey 75th Birthday items. New products this past year included a Smokey headband (buff), "I met Smokey" sticker (Spanish), and "I met Woodsy" sticker (English & Spanish). Please visit our website, www.symbols.gov, to view and order these products along with our standard product offerings.

In October, Ryan Kingsley transferred from Dispatch to the Cache to fill the vacant Supply Technician position. Ryan has vast experience and knowledge and is a welcome addition to our team.

Northeast Interagency Cache







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Finance Working Team

The Finance Working Team continued to focus on those issues related to administrative management on emergency incidents. Specifically, the Finance Team met to review and provide suggested updates to several MN DNR Wildfire Forms. These suggestions are scheduled for inclusion in the next Handbook update scheduled for the coming year.

The minimal MN fire activity this last year did not help our training plans. We were not able to get entry-level folks into a position where live training could be accomplished within the state of MN. Although a few resources were able to go on outstate assignments to get some experience.

The annual MNICS fire academy did not have any Finance classes in 2019.

In an attempt to attract more interest in the Finance section, on March 12th, 2019, we held a Finance Introduction and Refresher at MIFC. The morning session was an introduction to the two entry-level positions in Finance, PTRC, and EQTR. There were 24 students in this session. It was well-received with 90% stating that they either will request a task book from their supervisor or already have one opened.

The afternoon session had 27 students and was designed as a refresher using E-ISuite. There were several exercises the students could do in the training database. The students were even able to take the exercises home and work in the database from their home offices. 100% of the evaluation responses stated they found the refresher useful and want to learn/do more.

The Finance Working Team is continuously looking for ways to increase the numbers in the Finance section and finding training opportunities to get task books completed.

Donna Edelman, Team Chair

The Information Management Working Team (IMWT) focused on supporting skills development and training opportunities in 2019.

One of our members assisted with the development of the MNICS Type 2 Initial Attack Crew recruitment video and brochure that was used during the winter months to outreach for crew leadership positions. The IMWT Charter was approved and signed by the Task Force in March 2019.

The Working Team continued to support PIO training by providing instructors for the delivery of L952 All-Hazards PIO at the Section Chief's Academy in January and S203 Introduction to Incident Information at the Wildfire Academy in June. In addition to the curriculum, we continued to develop materials about topics including the appropriate use of social media and video platforms, how to handle donations, PIO role in serious accident or fatality, Incident Commander's perspective, MNCC updates, and emerging technologies. Our PIOs continue to balance the traditional means of information delivery like trap lines and telephones with the emerging electronic methods of social media, websites, and videos.

The IM Working Team is focused on mentoring new PIOs and providing experience for trainees. In 2019 we had a few PIOF, and PIO2 trainees gain some experience on fire assignments. This will continue to be a priority for the Team and we will be looking at ways to mentor trainees.

Several PIOs worked on prescribed fire support and small wildfires in Minnesota during the season. A few MNICS PIOs also went on out-of-state fire assignments during the year, where they gained valuable experience.

Tim Engrav, Team Chair

Information Management Working Team

Communications Working Team



Due to the unseasonable fire conditions, the communications working team saw a reduction in the number of issues usually addressed. The communications trailers and portable towers weren't sent to any incidents this year, and all requests for our radio cache inventory were fulfilled. The new KNG-P150 portable radios, which require more power, have been delivered along with a Li/Ion battery charger and clamshell.

The air-desk dispatch upgrades are complete, including the addition of Grand Portage BIA (Mt. Maude Rpt.). Nett Lake BIA will be online soon. The communications working team and successfully linked these sites through the MN DNR LAN system using the voice over IP protocol (Vo/IP). The five consoles at MNCC are now tied into the LAN system and can dispatch on all the new repeaters, our base station, along with the Guard/FF base stations installed around the state. All five tanker bases use the IP-1616 consoles to access the repeaters, allowing the tanker bases and MNCC to talk to any plane/chopper around the state.

This fall, we met with our Great Lake Forest Fire Compact (GLFFC) partners in Grand Bend Ontario and set our upcoming season plans/protocols. The Manitoba partners are working on updating their Law Enforcement system and will be moving to a P25 700 MHz system. Forestry will remain on VHF with new radios & repeater upgrades along with narrow

banding their channels. Manitoba plans to narrowband their frequencies and use the PL tones before the 2020 spring fire season.

Wisconsin is turning their repeater system toward the P25 digital format, leaving the Tac and A/G channels on analog. The local MN DNR stations (Cloquet, Sandstone) are aware of the change and can program the MN DNR radios to access the P25 sites. The GLFFC zone will still reside in Group 16 for our State program, updates for 2020 will be narrowband and tones. All remaining analog-only (GPH+) units will be replaced in 2020. With this upgrade, al new radios will be P25 or digital compliant.

The Federal agencies have installed an Air Guard and Flight-Follow base station at MIFC, now tied into the State Air-Desk consoles. Three other base stations are installed at Carlos-Avery (Metro), New York Mills (Western), and Wannaska (Northwest). The Federal agencies have installed the Air Guard/Flight-Follow radios at the Ely and Tofte stations, which are tied back into the MIFC Air-Desk for dispatch. Nearly 100% statewide coverage now happens on these two frequencies. Using the flight-follow frequencies, the Air-Desk can track aircraft in the BWCA & other areas throughout the state, and use Air Guard for emergency purposes or redirection. Initial Attack is handled by the Federal dispatch folks for the Superior & Chippewa NFs.

The Superior National Forest will be changing the East Zone radio channels (frequencies) to resolve the MNCC Dispatch radio traffic issues. This should be implemented by the 2020 Spring Fire Season. Both Forests' radio backbone equipment is in the process of being upgraded with better quality CODAN products and should be fully installed by the middle of next year.

Pat Coughlin/Dave Jalonen Communications Working Team

Training Working Team



Wildfire Academy

In its 19th year, the Minnesota Wildfire Academy was held June 3-7, 2019 at the Itasca Community College in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. From basic firefighting to air operations, chainsaw certification, and incident command system (ICS) courses, the weeklong Academy drew in 758 students and many instructors, with 27 courses being offered. With the help of Itasca Area Schools Collaborative Education (IASCE) this year, participants were able to register online. The Academy was managed by a MNICS-IMT (under Mike Aultman). The team transferred Itasca Community College into an ICP with the same function and structure that students might encounter on a wildland fire assignment.

Other training

This past calendar year, 626 students attended 28 courses outside of the fire academy. Some of the highlights from these courses includes the Minnesota Incident Management Section Chief Academy, which was held in February in Duluth, MN. The section chief academy offered nine high-level incident management courses where 120 students partake from around the country.

This year MNICS/Minnesota Board of Fire Fighter Training Education (MBFTE) once again put on two





L-381 Leadership Courses. The goal is to continue bringing wildland and structural firefighters together in a classroom before they meet on the fire line. In final: 758 students attended the Wildfire Academy, which offered 27 courses. Outside of the academy 626 students attended 26 training courses. In total, 1,246 students attended 34 RT-130 DNR/MNICS sponsored courses.

Todd Manley/Tracy Fifarek
Training Working Team

Dispatch Working Team

The MNCC dispatch floor remodel was completed this spring, and we operated in our new environment this season. If you have not been by to visit, please stop in and say hello.

The current mobilization software known as Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS) is still on deck to be replaced by Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC). This replacement is on deck for late spring of 2020. Training opportunities will be scheduled in the spring as well as throughout the season as needed.

Due to the decrease in large fire support needs nationally, there were fewer dispatcher requests. Out-of-state dispatch assignments included:

- 2 ACDP, Aircraft Dispatchers (1 Trainee)
- 1 EDSD, Support Dispatchers
- 1 EDSP, Supervisory Dispatcher
- 5 IADP, Initial Attack Dispatcher

The MNICS Dispatch Working Team hosted a D-110 Expanded Dispatch Recorder class in May. This was held in partnership with Eastern Area Coordination Center and the Eastern Area Dispatch Working Team. This class was delivered virtually at three sites within the GACC. Expanded Dispatch Recorder trainees were offered opportunities to work at MNCC to complete task books following the training, and we had ten trainees complete assignments this summer and fall. Thank you to our instructors and coaches that allowed for this to be such a success. Tasha Woodwick, Leith McAuley, Anna Hines, Ginger Humphrey, Amber Jungwith, Melissa Gregerson, and Tracy Fifarek.

This spring, we will likely be hosting a D-311 Initial Attack Dispatcher at Wildland Fire Academy 2020. There certainly is a need for individuals in this position, and this qualification can offer ample opportunities to get out on assignments even during slow years.

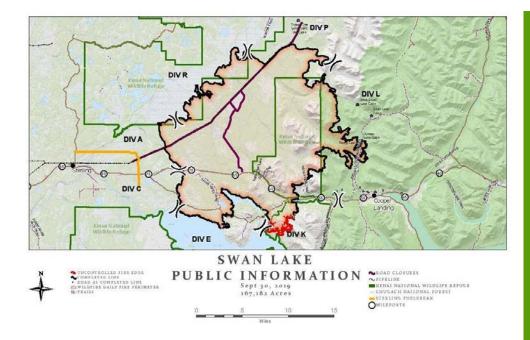
Recruitment is an ongoing process in the world of dispatch, as is team building. So this year, as we have been developing our 2020 Dispatch Workshop, we have been focusing on team building. There will be more information available on this year's workshop in the coming months – you will not want to miss this one!

Amber Jungwirth, Team Chair

Logistics Working Team

The logistics working team worked with cache managers to deploy the incident to the cache resource order spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is very easy to use and appears to have been received well by the agencies. A copy of this spreadsheet is now on the MNICS website in the equipment and supplies section under the MNCC/Dispatch tab. The working team is also developing a line order sheet to help communications units take in supply orders over the radio. The goal will be to have a working copy for the MICS teams next year.

Adam Fisher, Team Chair



The newly combined Incident Technology Support Specialist (ITSS) and Geographic Information Systems Specialist (GISS) Working Team met at the MNICS annual meeting to discuss the latest topics, strategies, and needs in ITSS and GISS, including:

- FireNet and Collector-ArcGIS training.
- Wireless mesh with the capability to blanket an ICP area for internet access.
- Transformation to Minnesota's type 3 teams.
- The ability for GISS/ITSS folks to get certified on assignments.
- A formal Agreement between Minnesota
- IT Services (MNIT) and MNICS for incident support.

The number of people in GISS/ITSS positions, only two certified and one trainee in both supported positions for 2019.

The Working Team discussed a training session for GISS, ITSS, and SITL working team members in the winter season of 2020. The training session will focus on learning core concepts of FireNet, Collectors, Setting up an incident (ITSS) refresher and new procedures, and Status check-in, is in process. During the 2019 Type 2 Eastern Area Team fire season, many of the GISS/GSAN/ITSS/SITL positions were on assignments in many states. The Eastern Area team was sent to Alaska on the Swan Lake Fire which allowed for multiple trainee's to become certified in their positions.

Joel Perrington, Team Chair

ITTS-GISS Working Team

Prevention Working Team



The MNICS Fire Prevention Working Team participated and conducted these events this past year: The MNDNR Prevention/ Firewise 49 Recognized Firewise communities.

2019 marked the 75th Birthday celebration for the Smokey Bear Campaign. Smokey Bear's fire prevention message is one of the longest-running public service ad campaigns. People around the world recognize this iconic symbol. MNICS and the Red Lake Agency (MN-RLA) took part in several Smokey Bear 75th celebrations in Minnesota, including the Smokey Bear Day at Itasca State Park, the MNICS Tall Timber Days celebration in Grand Rapids, MN, and the Governor's Fire Prevention Day at the Minnesota State Fair. The MN-RLA also participated in the Fond Du Lac Resource Management event, the Red Lake 4th of July Parade in Ponemah, and the Red Lake Labor Day Pow Wow. The Red Lake Agency considers these to be contributing MNICS WFPET events.

Mike Beaulieu, Team Chair

Prescribed Fire & Fuels Working Team

A primary Prescribed Fire and Fuels Working Team (PFFWT) task is to coordinate interagency aerial ignition resources and prioritize burns needing aerial ignition, which was accomplished this spring. There were no identified conflicts for the required aerial ignition resources.

Summer meeting at Aspen Parklands

This summer, PFFWT met at Karlstad, MN to discuss progress on the Fire Danger Operating Plan (FDOP) and prescribed fire training needs for partners within MN. Thank you to the MN DNR Region 1 Roving Crew and the Nature Conservancy staff for leading the team through a presentation, and the tour of the Aspen Parklands cooperative prescribed burn program.



Fire Danger Operating Plan

The Interagency Fire Danger Operating Plan is progressing, albeit slowly. Template documents are being populated and analyses are being readied for review. The working team will be issuing a Draft Plan for use in the 2020 fire season to validate the decision points with the Final Plan to be adopted December of 2020.

Matt Graeve, Team Chair

In Memory Of...





Tom Kaase

Logistics Specialist
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Minnesota Interagency Fire Center

Hans Smith

U.S. Forest Service Superior National Forest Eastern Area Type 2 Gold Team



The Minnesota Incident Command System thanks you for your service.

Wildfire on Ice







Curling Bonspiel (new for 2020)

An event to benefit the Wildland Firefighter Foundation

(over \$30,000 was raised for the Foundation at the 2019 tournament!)

Fri & Sat, January 17th & 18th, 2020 Walker Area Community Center Admission is free for the public!

Plenty of chances to donate - Raffle, Silent Auction, Merchandise, and more!

4 TEAMS

Minnesota Incident Command System
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United States Forest Service Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday afternoon: Curling Bonspiel

Want to curl? Contact Casey Goldsmith: woicurling@hotmail.com

Friday night: Open hockey/warmup skate open to everyone (bring your equipment)

Saturday morning: Hockey Tournament Games Begin (similar format as 2019)

Saturday Early afternoon: Family skate with Smokey Bear

Saturday Afternoon: Hockey Tournament games continue

Saturday Evening: Tournament banquet @ Chase on the Lake

(A block of rooms @ the Chase will be reserved for the weekend... stay tuned for details)

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MIKE WURST

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MNICS Awards

Team Award

TYPE 3 IMT SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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PHIL MILLETTE JIM EDGAR
BRIAN LEITINGER TOM ROACH

NICK PETRACK

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