

MNICS AIR OPERATIONS WORKING TEAM – 2012 ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEET #1- Wildfire Pre Op Planning

ISSUE: Better guidance is needed related to helicopter Medical evacuations.

BACKGROUND: Medivac, short haul, hoist, EMS LZ standards are all terms used when discussing and planning for the transport of injured fire fighters. Aviation and medical personnel are not always clear about the capabilities and limitations relating to helicopter transport of injured fire fighters in MN.

RECOMMENDATIONS / EXPECTED PRODUCT: Develop protocols and procedures relating to helicopter medical evacuations for MNICS Teams. Create a list of helicopter medical extraction assets available to MNICS overhead teams. Provide details on the capabilities and limitations of each asset. Include information how to obtain each asset. Document any specific standards or tactics needed to utilize each asset. Once complete, this information will be added to MNICS documents as appropriate.

A. Implementation Plan:

Obtain information from MN EMS Council, MNANG and the MN State Patrol regarding their capabilities and limitations relating to hoists, rappel, extraction, remote landing site standards, short haul – etc. Information will also include “Hover Exit” and “Cargo Drop” opportunities that may be conducted by trained DNR or Ontario MNR helitack crews. The information will be organized into an easy to read format. Transport tactics and procedures will meet agency policies and all information will be available for various MNICS reference documents.

B. Tasked to:

- a. Individual – Doug Lloyd

C. Target Completion Date: March 10, 2012

D. Completion Update – 2/17/12 - Emergency Helicopter Source List has been completed and is posted with Air Operations Plans on mnics.org web site