

# **MNICS AIR OPERATIONS WORKING TEAM – 2013 ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEET # 20 St Paul Fire HECM's—Bill Schuster**

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**ISSUE:** State Patrol/St. Paul Firefighter use and expectations

**BACKGROUND:** A group of St. Paul Firefighters received training for the helicopter crewmember position last year. They will receive cross-walk training to meet NWCG qualifications in the HECM position. When they meet NWCG standards, clarification as to their use and expectations needs to be communicated to St. Paul Fire leadership and the State Patrol Chief Pilot.

**RECOMMENDATIONS / EXPECTED PRODUCT:** Bill Schuster to meet with Matt Nelson and representatives from St. Paul to explain the plan to incorporate St. Paul Firefighters into the DNR Helicopter staffing plan.

**A. Implementation Plan:** A concise written guide will be incorporated into the DNR/State Patrol Helicopter Operating Plan.

**B. Tasked to:**

- a. Individual – Bill Schuster**
- b. Group -**
  - i. Leader –**
  - ii. Committee – Matt Nelson and St. Paul Fire Staff**
  - iii. Meeting Date(s) - January 8, 2013**
  - iv. Meeting Location - MIFC**

**C. Target Completion Date: April 15, 2013**

**Update: 3/6/13 – Responsibilities, process, procedures and expectations were all discussed at the meeting in January and were incorporated into the MN State Patrol Operating Plan. The plan will be reviewed annually with cooperators.**

**Submit completed products/reports to Chair, Jill Hebl, so they can be forwarded to the MNICS Task Force for review/approval.**