

## April 2018 Task Force Meeting

4/26/2018

0930-1145 via conference call 888-742-5095; code: 856 204 8339

Attendees: Seth Grimm (Chair), Greg Peterson, Ron Stoffel, Kurt Fogelberg, Ben Roy, Roy Holmes, Rebekah Luedtke, Natasha Woodwick, Brian Wise, Tom Kaase, Todd Manley, BJ Glesener. Absent: Chase Marshall & Christi Powers

### AGENDA ITEM

### NOTES

<p><b>Building / Budget Update</b></p>	<p>Brian Wise Tom Kaase</p>	<p>Building update – lights in radio shop have been completed. All POs for downstairs bullpen are in, work should begin the last week of May to the first week of June. Request for purchase order for the downstairs entry tile has been sent in. Building committee will meet next week to discuss a process for moving things downstairs and helping employees manage the move.</p> <p>Budget – Shelly did as requested to allocate funds as necessary. Not committed only shows just over \$20K at the moment. Radio shop lights came in under budget - \$1500. Lower level remodel appears to be on track. Approved.</p>
<p><b>HAM radio operations</b></p>	<p>Brian Wise</p>	<p>HAM radio operations want to put some new wiring on the roof. Request requires a new hole in the roof. Is there still a need for them to be in the building? Originally the HAM radio was a radio backup to MIFC's radio system, especially in the arrowhead region/BWCA. Came about during the '99 blowdown. Low probability of actually needing them but they are a backup.</p> <p>Possibility of bringing them in for the next TF meeting to discuss. Brian Wise will contact them.</p>
<p><b>Wildfire Academy Update @ 1000</b></p>	<p>Todd Manley</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See handouts.</li> <li>• Meadow went over current class enrollment. Short on enrollment on a lot of classes. Everything else is going well. ICC side of things are going well.</li> <li>• Those courses that are full, student letters have been sent.</li> <li>• Currently short on instructor needs.</li> <li>• Use of IMT at Academy: Peterson will do the complexity analysis soon. Manley will work with Greg to complete and forward to the TF for consideration.</li> <li>• Contingency plan: Happens if the spring fire season impacts attendance and instructor availability at the Academy? If Academy would be cancelled, MNICS would lose about \$100k. Movement and helping of staffing at local offices likely possible if need be by all agencies. This would most likely impact the NE region. Manley will</li> </ul>

		<p>put together a written contingency plan and relay to lead instructors the need to have a backup plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreements with ICC are in place.</li> <li>• Agreements with Trout and U of MN property: who should sign the delegation? Seth Grimm, as TF chair, will sign.</li> <li>• Delegation of Authority: good draft was presented.</li> <li>• Still exploring options for a guest speaker on Wednesday evening.</li> </ul>
<b>Fire Weather Messaging</b>	BJ Glesener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NWS Duluth approached BJ Glesener about automating messaging out when weather conditions are reaching critical levels.</li> <li>• Intended audience: same as it is now.</li> <li>• Now: BJ receives a call during the middle of the night, talking about whether or not to issue warnings if counties are hitting critical levels.</li> <li>• How would it work: Will not automatically generate red flag warnings. Verbal confirmation still needs to occur. Mainly for internal communication. Would only be to the predictive services coordinator, or delegate, for now.</li> <li>• Decision: go ahead and give it a try.</li> <li>• See handouts.</li> </ul>
<b>Peer Support Training</b>	Rebekah Luedtke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a national peer support training occurring in Atlanta in June. Is there a need for a MNICS to support sending someone?</li> <li>• Tasha noted that Jeremy Bennett from the BIA will be attending the course.</li> <li>• Tasha does have a list of people trained in the region should there be a need.</li> <li>• Do we need to continue to build our own foundation/ group?</li> <li>• Currently no one “designated” as point of contact within MNICS.</li> <li>• Agencies will consider this individually. No decision point.</li> </ul>
<b>FD / IMT members</b>	Natasha Woodwick Rebekah Luedtke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Pisarek was tasked with finding a path for those individuals from a fire department to be engaged with the MNICS IMTs.</li> <li>• Most of the individuals were found to be good candidates to bring on.</li> <li>• All 3 received could serve in some capacity with the teams. Qual’d out mainly at the unit leader level, in areas outside of Operations.</li> <li>• Academy may be a good place to bring these folks in.</li> <li>• Pisarek, Tasha and Rebekah will work together to get these individuals on boarded.</li> </ul>
<b>Agency Updates</b>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DNR – in process of hiring second pilot. Kodiak is down for a while. Like everyone else, in fire season.</li> <li>• HSEM – still waiting on ONT for NEMAC signatures, pipeline camps are getting active, working with DLH airport on an exercise of a downed passenger plane in a lake, Under One Roof conference May 15 &amp; 16.</li> <li>• USFS – regional readiness review next week, starting on Tuesday here at MIFC, Wed – CPF, Thur – SUF, debrief on Friday. CPF continues RX burning. Bringing other regional resources in. SUF looking at RX</li> </ul>

		<p>burning the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>. Both Forests fully staffed for IA, looking at any additional needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MNCC – Very few resources out of state, most everyone is home. Working on orders for instate needs.</li> <li>• FWS – moving forward with Detroit Lakes FMO hiring. Still waiting on official budget numbers. Majority of stations have started burning. Ops normal.</li> <li>• BIA – no staffing changes. Sharing resources in state. Really busy right now. Getting a lot of burning done.</li> <li>• NPS – still patchy snow in the woods and lots of ice. Quiet.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other</b></p>	<p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMT preparedness, especially looking at the weekend – some holes to fill but team is rostered in ROSS. Will discuss on the MNICS call tomorrow plan for the weekend.</li> <li>• Rebekah gave an update on the T2IA crew program. Applications are way down to what they have been in the last few years. Likely lots of reasons why the drop in numbers – different priorities, agency targets, movement, etc. As of right now, there is enough primary leadership for one crew. Hopeful to get a few more names in to make it to 2 crews. Crew subcommittee call set for May 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>

Next meeting: May 24<sup>th</sup> @ MIFC.