

MNICS Task Force Meeting

12/4/2018

0930-1700

Lake Michigan Room, Holiday Inn Lower Level

Attendees: Seth Grimm (Chair), Cory Berg, Ron Stoffel, Kurt Fogelberg, Chase Marshall, Roy Holmes, Rebekah Luedtke, Natasha Woodwick

AGENDA ITEM (NOTE: These are in no particular order)

NOTES

Welcome & Introductions	<p>Welcome from Seth</p> <p><i>Delayed start to have materials printed.</i></p>
T3 IMT Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewed the T3 recruitment letter. - Discussed the recruitment timing and strategy, soft closing of the ICAP. - Went over the T3 position list. - T3 positions to attend RSS training exercise?
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting schedule for 2018 	<p>Reviewed 2019 TF Meeting calendar and chair rotation. Handoff to Chase.</p>
MNICS T3 IMT Management and Use	<p>Dan Paulson and Tasha Woodwick gave a presentation on the IMT committee's progress and proposal for the MNICS T3 IMTs for 2019. Reviewed the draft standard operating procedures and the Q & A document. Board of Directors and Task Force agreed to the proposal as presented. Application period will be open starting January 1, 2019.</p>
MIFC Building & Budget	<p>Tom Kaase and Rebekah Luedtke reviewed the MIFC building report and cooperative budget.</p>
MNCC Update	<p>Rebekah Luedtke gave an in-depth report on MNCC to date. <i>(see handout)</i></p>
Final Review of Financial Operating Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider for signature 	<p>Financial Operating Plan was not signed as presented. The USFS identified some concerns with it, requesting to see additional explanation, transparency and a further breakdown of all positions for MNCC. ACTION ITEM: Rebekah will work this up and send it to the Board</p>

	<p>of Directors. This would eventually be added to the operating plan as an appendix. Issue tabled for now.</p>
<p>RSS exercise in 2020</p>	<p>Simply a FYI... there will be full scale exercise in 2020 for the SNS/RSS in which MNICS provides IMT support for. All parties have been notified of the changes with the MNICS IMTs.</p>
<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of the MNICS Annual Report - Review of Chair rotations - T2/T3 panel discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scooper Academy – looking at 2020. Will be a MNICS cooperative effort with GLFFCC/ Ontario. - Tom Remus mentioned that - BOD should consider joining the TF in June at VOP.
<p>Individual Agency Updates</p>	<p>HSEM – new admin assist/ office manager. In the final stages of web EOC rollout. Lots of emergency declarations this past year, especially in Duluth, working through declarations on those. One deployed to Camp Fire in CA, lots going on around with Line 3. City of Virginia received a large grant for mine collapse response.</p> <p>DNR – Virtual simulator training - \$419k grant awarded. Looking for a vendor to develop it. Division of Forestry continues to hire new positions. Division will have a larger target of cords offered in the future, which will create some challenges going forward in fire. This is Ron’s last MNICS meeting, will be retiring in ??</p> <p>BIA – Working on the BJI interagency tanker base lease updated. FMO position closed last week. vice Steve Olson has been filled by Christian Nelson. It was interesting being a BOD member/ EACG chair but able to push some things through.</p> <p>FWS – hosting S290 in Sherburne. Will be filling more positions over the winter, which is very positive. There will no longer be any fire staff at Agassiz WR. USFWS has a strong relationship with the military, will be sending resources down south over the winter. Pretty challenging year with all that’s been going on.</p> <p>NPS – Rod Skalsky, new FMO in ND for border park group. Looking at an agreement with USFS on the use on the NPS plane – ongoing. Hiring new Assist. Region FMO in Omaha.</p> <p>USFS – Lots of new regional leadership. Combining R9 and NASPF is taking some time. Nationally and regionally fuels targets have been greatly increased, looking at options on how to get those done. Almost have agreements with the tribes in prescribed burns in place. Moving towards a more interagency concept for all land management – prescribed burns, fuels, timber, etc. Staffing is pretty good, most of positions are filled. New FMO structure seems to be going smoothly. CPF looking at adding a 3rd engine module on the west side.</p>