

July 2017 Task Force Meeting Minutes

7/26/2017

0930-1530 @ VOP NPS

(conference call available: 888-742-5095; code: 856-204-8339)

Attendees: Seth Grimm (Chair), Greg Peterson, BJ Glesener (for Ron Stoffel), Kurt Fogelberg, Chase Marshall, Roy Holmes, Rebekah Luedtke, Natasha Woodwick, Tom Kaase (by phone), Brian Pisarek (guest), Todd Manley (by phone)

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HVAC / Building Update	Brian Wise Blake Freking Tom Kaase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update on the HVAC - See building report, added compressor room cleanup day to accomplishments. - UPS asking for parking space at MIFC in Nov/Dec., another revenue to possibly get the front lot paved? Chase is to look into this further. - Will proceed with getting a quote for paving but understand that the layout of the dispatch center may take priority. This project is with the building committee to assess. Engineer time has been committed by the USFS. Hold until we know for sure what comes back from the HVAC project.
Budget Update	Shelly Serich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewed and accepted. - Request from Dispatch for \$2,000 for a new dispatch clock. Approved.
MNICS Annual Meeting	Tom Kaase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schedule 45-60 mins for MN Rx Fire Council. - Changed Wed end time to 1730 to allow more time for Jack Harris. Tasha sent out a link on Harris's talking topics. Cost will be under \$5k, likely around \$2500 plus travel. - Suggestion to add a MNICS update to Thursday 0930-1000 to be presented by a BOD member (maybe Langford?). - Kaase will start bidding process for location in Duluth.
Follow up on Academy AAR @ 1030	Todd Manley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See emails from Stoffel and Manley below. - Adv. MN is still interested in providing support for the academy but unsure it will get any better as there are no plans to fill in behind an upcoming retirement. - ICC still able to host but Adv. MN would have to voluntarily step away. Is ICC able to support the academy independently? Kessler says yes but Manley is to verify and confirm this before next TF meeting. - No progress on other options yet. Can we ask the Colorado Academy what they do? - Question was also asked why the name of the Academy changed and who changed it. - Resolution: Have another conversation with Adv. MN about going with ICC independently. - Discussion tabled again.

<p>MNICS Crews</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We've had some misses again this season with folks not staying true to crew commitments. Part of this is on the leadership. - The commitment should be to maintain sending out interagency crews, we can send out more crews if we combine forces and is better for our interagency partnership. - Agencies and leadership need to be cognizant of those that have been designated as primaries for the crews and try to honor that commitment. - Call to the TF to communicate more about individual agency plans to mobilize resources (forest to forest, agency to agency, compact, etc) so everyone can be aware and informed. It doesn't look good to the field when it appears each agency is doing their own thing.
<p>Integration Report Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delegation of Authority 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report from Jill and Renae was delivered to the BOD and TF last week. Overall, TF was happy with the quality of the product, good first step. It's now with the BOD to review and communicate out. Eventually will be with the TF to implement. - TF reviewed a draft of the Delegation of Authority, overall pretty solid start. Tabled for now for more consideration by individual TF members. Will add to the next TF meeting agenda unless the TF wants to meet about it separately.
<p>Future of MNICS IMTs @ 1300</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICs called in @ 1315. - Lots of discussion around what to do going forward with incident management teams. Is it time to re-evaluate the number of teams we have? Are we able to maintain 3? - What is the issue? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Decreasing number of people available for MNICS IMTs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Folks want to make money, they go to where the work is. Looking for more of a guaranteed assurance they'll get out. Want to maintain quals and want consistent mobilization opportunity. ▪ Retirements ▪ Shortage of people in the pipeline. ▪ MN folks being on out of GACC teams when not available for MNICS teams. o Number of ICs going forward. o Managing agency expectations. - Currently 30% of existing rosters have indicated they can't go out of state. - Currently no talk at NMAC about adjusting team configuration again. - Options for solution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Would being nationally available, where folks can get out, increase numbers for MNICS teams? This would require parameters for the MNICS teams to be established in the MOB guide (PL, FDR, availability, commitment, etc) o Primary vs alternate pools? o One pool? o Reduce the number of teams? o Expand the application pool further to ND, MI, WI, etc? o Half and half rotations- have 3 in-state teams during our season and one combined team for out of state mobilization during the summer months with 2 week commitments? - ACTION ITEM: Revive the workflow analysis /glide path (Manley) so a more informed decision can be made. Needs to be done as soon as possible. - Hard decision / recommendation to the BOD on how many teams we have going forward.

		o Continue the conversation after initial discussion with EACG.
Eastern Area / MNICS team rotation		Greg Peterson, Brian Pisarek & Tasha Woodwick are meeting with Brendan Neylon, Steve Goldman, Mel Wicknick Friday via conference call regarding a possible new rotation. Goldman has proposed to have a 2 nd year of the patch. Need to identify pinch points, rotation schedule, shared alternate pools, restrictions (months, planning levels, etc). There are continued concerns with local units having trust. Remember it's the first meeting/ discussion, more discussion is certain.
Agency Updates	All	HSEM: Enbridge exercise in Cass Lake in September NPS: active sending folks out of state. FS: budget discussions happening; going forward base 8 will be covered by the home units; Ely TB review; moving ahead with perm. AFMO positions. BIA: surprisingly dry. Heading for a fall fire season. Lots of folks out. Budget discussions. Talk about buy-outs. FWS: moving folks out of state. Budget discussions. DNR: moved folks to BC; Ontario sending out 100 people/week. BJ getting several inquiries on year to year indices comparisons. Lots of people out of state.
Other	All	

Next meeting: August 24th @ MIFC

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Subject: RE: Follow up on Academy AAR

Todd and I talked with the guy from A MN. They would like to continue to be involved in the Academy. I didn't reach UMN AG Exten. From an email I got they might be interested to. My opinion is that it is very easy to say that AMN did a poor job this year. It is not so easy to come up with a viable alternative. A MN will be able to do the Academy again in 2018. Perhaps we go down that road and look for alternatives for the year after if we can find one.

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Concur with what Ron said reference Adv MN. I spoke with ICC. They (ICC) would be interested in the academy but would need to have Adv MN voluntarily remove themselves. If that were to happen they would be interested. TM.

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