

June 2018 Task Force Meeting

6/27/2018

1000 at VOP

Attendees: Greg Peterson, Ron Stoffel, Kurt Fogelberg, Chase Marshall, Roy Holmes, Rebekah Luedtke, Natasha Woodwick, Cory Berg; Guest: Rod Skalsky (NPS); Absent: Seth Grimm

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Building / Budget Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Almost all of the lower level remodel is done, except for final staff moving into offices. Tom Kaase may be asked to assist the USFS in purchasing furniture. Staff movement happening. 1 space open. Went fairly smooth. - Looking at getting a quote to have the blue stairs and doors painted. - There have been some issues with humidity levels within the building, monitors have been bought to track. - Request by Todd Manley for using open cubical for Pisarek & Kelly temporarily was approved. - Carson Berglund memorial proposal (see handout) – approved as is.
MNICS & IMT Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MNICS December meeting - Matt Jolly, speaker for NFDRS2016, set for Thursday at the MNICS meeting. Other options to round out agenda - Report on Hawaii DIVS assignment? Update to MNCC? - IMT February meeting - Not too much to report yet.
Aviation AAR Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cory Berg led discussion on AAR. <i>See handout.</i> - General consensus is that things went well this spring with new procedures and structure. - Request was made to Task Force to consider bringing in consultants to assess current status and conditions of existing radio and repeater systems. Action Item for July – Ron Stoffel and Chase Marshall will make contact with agency subject matter experts about process and availability.
MNICS IMT National Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rostering a MNICS IMT from the pool for the June rotation went poorly, very low response. Some discussion had on what are the other options for team management. Stay the course for July's rotation with the same process. Start earlier and involve the IC right away. - Action Item for July - Letter from the Chair to MNICS IMT members lining out again what the agreement is, what the ask is and expectations for availability. - Fall recruitment for spring 2019 will start soon. Need to button up what the rotation agreement will be. This has been tasked to the EACG to lead a small group on that discussion.

<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS Exercises - Purple Ribbon Campaign - ??? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some members of the MNICS IMT C & G recently attended a 3 hr tabletop exercise for RSS. Plan is have a full scale, statewide RSS exercise in 2020. - Rebekah Luedtke will work on messaging out to MNICS about the Purple Ribbon Campaign. All liked and supported the idea. - Chase Marshall informed the group about hiring a permanent full time dispatcher fire hire this fall for additional staffing at MNCC Aviation. All liked and supported the idea.
<p>Agency Updates</p>	<p>BIA: Greg Peterson informed the group that August 3rd will be his last working day. Cory Berg will start representing at the Task Force. Starting to send resources out and currently have lots of equipment available.</p> <p>USFS: FLT meeting was in Canal Park last week. Chequamegon-Nicolet had a lot of storm damage last week in which the SUF assisted. Lots of changes happening nationally, moving towards a national Fire Hire. Will be looking to fill 6 positions this Fall. Fuels Program – increased targets, likely have new managers in Duluth and Cass Lake in 2019. R9 FMO meeting will be in Ely this fall. Fills should be coming on R9 Fire Director and Assistant Fire Director. Now have sister Forests – Mark Twain, Hoosier, Midewin. Hired 48 fuel seasonals this year.</p> <p>DNR: MNICS PIO currently open, will be filling. Trying to hire a lead pilot currently. ENGB exchanges to Washington State happening. NE Forest Fire Supervisors meeting was last week in IL.</p> <p>HSEM: Training officer came to the Academy, may join the MNICS WT. NEMAC did pass with Ontario. 4 or 5 counties seeking flood emergency declaration. President Trump was in Duluth recently. Worked on a grounded ship in Duluth harbor recently and thinking about potential protests regarding the Enbridge Line 3.</p> <p>NPS: New border park group has been formed with Rod Skalsky as new FMO. Short about 9 permanent positions. All else is quiet.</p> <p>MNCC: Some issues with the first crew mob – red cards, availability, etc.</p>

Next meeting: July 26th via conference call