

October 2016 Taskforce Meeting

10/27/2016

0930-1530

Conference Call: 888-742-5095; code: 856-204-8339

Attendees: Greg Peterson (Chair), Ron Stoffel, Kurt Fogelberg, Seth Grimm, Chase Marshall, Roy Holmes, Rebekah Luedtke, Tom Kaase, Todd Manley. Guests: Tom Remus

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HVAC / Building Update	Brian Wise Tom Kaase	Tom Kaase gave an update on the building: building door and gate software was updated. The new cement pad for the cache has been completed. The HVAC project has started and is going well. The building committee will start meeting again.
Budget Update	Shelly Serich	Shelly was absent but the budget was reviewed and approved. It was decided to hold off on going any further with the website redesign until the HVAC project was further along and the Taskforce was more comfortable about what funding was available. Chase is looking for ideas on facility needs & improvements so he can submit for funding.
Training Update	Todd Manley	Todd came and gave a training update. The training needs assessment was shared. The combined training summary is forthcoming for the year. L-380 had 53 nominations, sending 24 in November. It's apparent there's an interest and need in more L-380 sessions. Discussion was had around if MNICS/ Todd needs to be continuing to put all training courses on the national training calendar. EA wants to see it continue. Is there opportunity to utilize Matt Dillion and Beth Jabonski more? Todd will look into this. However, if we have open seats, we need to be open to filling them with outside individuals. Calls about classes from outside of MNICS should go through the GATORS. L-481- target will be for those individuals who will become part of IMTs. Discussion was had on what to

		do with these higher level courses- funding, instructor cadre, etc. No decisions were made on this.
IMT Meeting Speakers, Agenda, Location	All	No update from Aultman at this time. Kaase still waiting on approval to bid it out. A few agencies have confirmed their representative for the panel discussion, there are still some question marks. It was decided to invite the Metro Type 3 teams to the meeting.
MNICS Meeting Awards, Assignments, Speakers, Agenda	All	Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn. Registration packet should be coming out next week. All the speakers and the agenda are confirmed. Taskforce went through all the award submissions and all were approved. Rebekah will contact Steve Jakala about his attending the MNICS meeting. Working team assignments were finalized. Rebekah will send out assignments to the working teams with what the expectations are for the working teams for the year and at the MNICS meeting.
R9 USFS IA Review	All	Taskforce was generally unhappy with report. Discussion will continue on fully integrating the 3 units of MIFC/ USFS Dispatch at a separate meeting.
EACC & MNICS IMTs	All	Tom Remus joined the meeting and gave an update from EACG's operation working team. There's some concern from the Taskforce and USFS staff over if EA & R9 will continue to overrule the MNICS IMTs on USFS incidents. Tom said the operations working team will be discussing it. Chase is headed to the regional FMO meeting next week, he will try to talk with Clay Templin about his thoughts on the situation and where we might be headed. Furthermore- Is there any opportunity to include our Canadian partners on IMTs? Stoffel will approach his contacts about this. Tom also shared work done by the working team on Type 3 IMTs standards and procedures. This is something MNICS can likely utilize for developing our own Type 3 IMT program.
Type 2 IA Crew Program	Rebekah Luedtke	Rebekah brought up some concerns regarding the future of the crew program, mainly around what level of commitment should be expected

		our leadership when they sign up for the crews. Rebekah can't locate historical documents for context – should contact Ron Guck or Jim Hines for more information. Per group discussion- the Taskforce expects individuals to be committed to their crew when up in rotation. Rebekah asked the Taskforce to consider what their leader's intent is for the program. Seth Grimm suggested looking at the Great Plains crew program for information.
MNICS FOP Review	Rebekah Luedtke	Reviewed, some edits made, approved. Rebekah will send out next week for signatures.
Other	All	PIO update was shared. Board of Directors meeting questions.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 17th @ the Blandin Foundation