

Tactical Aircraft Request Order (TARO)

Intent: Reference guide for completing a TARO. The items highlighted are the required fields from local dispatch to request an aircraft. The other fields should be completed if you have the information readily available but aren't required to request an aircraft.

Fire Name: Required Field Usually a geographic reference.

Date: Current date. **Time:** Time order is placed.

Requesting Person: Person placing the call for the aircraft.

Agency/Phone: Agency and phone number to call back if there are questions.

Descriptive Location: Required Field. Please use a geographic town or large lake that is easy to locate.

Ie: approximately 4 miles North of Little Falls. Or 4 miles South of Mille Lacs Lake.

Latitude/Longitude: This field isn't required to launch an aircraft but is extremely helpful if it's completed. Format should be Decimal Minutes (DM).

Bearing/Distance: The aviation desk will complete these boxes.

Legal Description: Not required, can fill it in if you have it available.

Air Contact: Air contact/assigned to fire. **A/A Frequency:** Aviation desk will assign a frequency. These are specific when fixed wing are requested.

Other Aircraft: Required Field. Any aircraft in the area of the fire. *Ie: Detection – Falls 1*

Ground Contact: Required Field. Engine Call Sign that is responding or IC's Name.

A/G Frequency: DNR Fire will use DNR A-G 1 or DNR A-G 2. USFS will use A-G 19, or A-G 3, or A-G 70. BIA will use A-G 3. Best assigned by local dispatch.

Local IA Dispatch Office Frequency: Frequency to contact the requesting IA office.

Flight Following Frequency: Air Net Simplex or Repeater that is associated with the location of the fire. Aviation desk will complete this block.

Fire Size: Approximate acre(s). **Fuel Type:** *ie: grass, swamp, timber, etc.*

Values Threatened: Sets priority if there's multiple fires and requests for aircraft. *Ie: Multiple lake cabins, House 1/2 mile to the east.*

Hazards: Any known hazard. *Ie: Towers, powerlines, etc.*

Resources Requested: Required Field. Number of Helicopter(s), and/or Tankers requested by the IC. Note: If more than 1 aircraft is ordered you will probably receive an air attack platform also.

Remarks: Any information that will be helpful for aircraft to be aware of.

Sample of a completed TARO:

AIRCRAFT DISPATCH			
FIRE NAME: St Cloud Fire		DATE: 4/29/18	TIME: 1543
REQUESTING PERSON: Suzie	AGENCY/PHONE: Little Falls - DNR 320-xxx-xxxx		
DESCRIPTIVE LOCATION: Closest Town 3 mi W St. Cloud airport			
LATITUDE (DM): 45 32.38	LONGITUDE (DM): 94 06.94		
BEARING (DEG): 267	DISTANCE (NM): 21	FROM: PNM	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (Sec - Twp - Rg) 7-35-30			
AIR CONTACT: AA5	A/A FREQUENCY: CENTRAL - 120.775		
OTHER AIRCRAFT: Detection - Falls 1			
GROUND CONTACT: Korzeniowski	A/G FREQUENCY: CH3 DNR A-G 1 - 151.3400 t110.9		
LOCAL IA DISPATCH OFFICE FREQUENCY: 32 LITTLE FALLS - 151.4000 t156.7			
FLIGHT FOLLOWING FREQUENCY: 9 CENTRAL(D) Rx151.3700 \$555 Tx156.1350 \$455			
FIRE SIZE: 40 ac	FUEL TYPE: swamp		
VALUES THREATENED: Unknown			
HAZARDS: Cell tower to the East			

RESOURCES ORDERED:
Heli: 1 Helicopter
Tankers: 2 Firebosses
AA: 1-AA
REMARKS:
MNCC AVIATION DESK 218-327-4582 mnccaviation@gmail.com