
“Minnesota’s Emergency Response Agencies”

MNICS Conference NOTES:

- A. Discussion Points (Please note, assigned tasks are operations working group functions, all action items pending approval from Task Force)**
- **MNICS Type 3 Teams**
 - Group discussed that MNICS Type 2 teams should be focus for now due to issues staffing the three Type 2 Teams
 - MAIN ISSUE: lack of Type 3 Trainee opportunities for all MNICS partners, EACC Priority Trainee list ineffective for ICT3(T)
 - **ASSIGNED TASK:** Initiate for 2016 MNICS ICT3 Priority Trainee List to address needs (FASTLAND/MIFC Dispatch)
 - **St. Louis County ARMOR to VHF Patch issues**
 - MAIN ISSUE: St. Louis County refuses to use built in patch capabilities of ARMOR system (VFIRE23)
 - **ASSIGNED TASK:** Erik Carlson kicked this issue over to the Communications Working Group
 - **MNICS Type 2IA Crew**
 - Group discussed putting together a Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) for how the crew is mobilized to capture from Fastland, since he is retired.
 - **ASSIGNED TASK:** Patrick Wherley and Ryan Mackey will sit down with Fastland, pull together various existing documents into one crew SOG (mobilization, expectations, conduct, etc.)
 - Group discussed the crew cohesion meeting for MNICS crew overhead, group wants the organization/instruction of that meeting to shift from AD’s to current operations working group non-AD’s and crew boss overhead.
 - **ASSIGNED TASK:** Ben Roy and Jeb Backe will be responsible for organizing and setting up the crew cohesion exercise/meeting as well as coordinating crew boss involvement.
 - Group discussed adding a western wildfire crew physical capabilities expectations video/segment to the DNR RT-130.
 - **ASSIGNED TASK:** Patrick Wherley will coordinate material for RT-130 with Todd Manley.
 - Group discussed the MNICS Type 2 crew letter that needs to be sent out for overhead sign up / outlining where crew SOG and expectations can be found.
 - **ASSIGNED TASK:** Mike Rice will be responsible for MNICS Type 2 Crew Overhead engagement / sign up/expectations letter. Will also coordinate with Wherley and Mackey on MNICS Crew SOG.
 - **MNICS Handy Dandy / Incident Organizer Updates**
 - **ASSIGNED TASK:** Mark Wurdeman and Mike Aultman will be responsible for updates.
 - **MNICS/MIFC Interagency Dispatch**
 - Group discussed the need to look at further combining MIFC and Superior/Chippewa dispatch centers into one, truly, interagency dispatch center.

- Group discussed an example of this further interagency dispatch combination from the Sand Lake Fire on the Superior NF where air resources were dispatched from both dispatch offices that are right next door to each other.
- Group discussed the logical place to begin interagency dispatch operations would be aircraft, group saw a definite need for single aircraft dispatch.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Norton-Jensen will present to Task Force.
- Group discussed the continued interest and need for an interagency dispatch resource status page for the MNICS partners.
- Norton-Jensen discussed / presented how the Superior and Chippewa NF's are moving forward and currently using a resource status page for USFS fire resources.
- Norton-Jensen discussed/presented the general plan for Superior /Chippewa NF dispatch moving forward with a fire dispatch webpage.
- **ASSIGNED TASK:** Norton Jensen will continue to track/update MINCS working group with progress and success of the USFS fire webpage.
- **FUTURE OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP TASKS**
 - Group discussed the Norton-Jensen will be chair of operations working group for 2016-2018 and Dan Paulson will be vice-chair for 2016-2018.
 - Norton-Jensen and Paulson will be responsible for group meeting agendas, group perpetual calendar, email communication, notes, assigned tasks tracking and action item tracking.
 - Norton-Jensen will be responsible for action item forms and presentation to MNICS Task Force.
 - Norton-Jensen and Paulson will be responsible for updating the MNICS newsletter twice a year.
 - Rotation list has been set up; current chair/vice chair will be USFS/USFWS. 2018 will be USFWS/DNR.

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