

February 27, 2023
To: MNICS Agency Partners
From: MNICS Operations Working Team/MNICS Type II IA Program Subcommittee
Subject: **MNICS Type II IA Crew Program – Application Period Open**



For 2023 the MNICS Type II IA crews will be back and in full swing! Like in pre-pandemic times we will be rostering as many MNICS Type II IA crews as possible, dependent on the number of applicants we receive.

NEW FOR 2023!

- All applicants must review and agree with the guidelines and standard operations identified in the MNICS Type 2 IA Handcrew Operations Guide before an application can be submitted. The MNICS Type 2 IA Handcrew Operations Guide can be found [here](#).
- A job share option is available for any applicant with limited availability. This is intended for those who cannot commit to being a primary for the full season want to be involved in at least 1 assignment on a crew this season.

One primary goal of the MNICS Operations Working Team is to maintain an organized and effective Type II IA crew program. We encourage managers, supervisors, fire management officers, and fire team leaders to sponsor highly motivated and quality applicants. The support and commitment of supervisors is critical to the success of the Type II IA program. Supporting MNICS training, IMTs, and the Type II IA crew program should be a priority that stands next to agency- specific priorities.

The MNICS Type II IA crew program is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

- Crew Boss (CRWB) – Qualified and Trainee
- Type 1 Firefighter/Incident Commander, Type 5 (FFT1/ICT5) – Qualified and Trainee
- Intermediate Faller (FAL2) – Qualified and Trainee

Complete a [MNICS Type 2IA Crew Application](#) before April 28, 2023.

Individuals must be NWCG qualified for the position(s) they are applying for and be employed by one of the MNICS agency partners. MNICS crews are well trained and highly respected in Eastern Area and throughout the nation. Here is a short video highlighting some crew work and experiences. [MN Crews in Action](#)

The Type II IA crew program has proven itself to be a valuable training platform. Annually, we provide top quality trainee assignments that produce fully qualified CRWB, FFT1/ICT5, and FAL2. This training platform serves to provide a stable future for our crews and returning members fill important mentor and trainer roles. Individuals who would like to participate but are unable to commit to a primary position are encouraged to consider an alternate position, or new in 2023 a job share role.

All primary, trainee and job share crew members are strongly encouraged to attend the Crew Cohesion Workshop. This preseason workshop brings crew resources together, provides current information for the mobilization season, and builds on the elements that make our crew program a success. The workshop will likely be held during May in Grand Rapids, MN and will be announced in the near future.

Individuals selected for the primary positions are expected to honor availability commitments, as further explained in the [MNICS Type 2 IA Handcrew Operation Guide](#). Crew availability generally begins following the MN Wildfire Academy in June.

Questions regarding the MNICS Type II IA Crew program can be directed to your local FMO/FTL or the following:

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Thank you for your consideration
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