

DNR radio Quiz

Scenario

Break into small groups of 3-5. If possible, assign a handheld radio for each group. Have groups use their radio during the scenario to actively change group, set scan lists ec..

You are stationed in Eveleth DNR office. A call comes in stating that there is a large fire in near Deer River, and Deer River is requesting assistance. Your crew will respond.

1. What Radio Group will you switch your radio to?

Group 11

2. As a group, decide what radio channels to set in you scan list and set them in your radio.

Open to discussion at the group, but consider channels 1,2,5,16 and possibly a repeater

3. The Fire is 15 Miles Northwest of Deer River. What is the nearest repeater?

Inger repeater channel 8

4. While scanning the Deer River Simplex, you hear the IC order an Air Attack, two fire bosses and a helicopter. Does this change your scan list?

If they haven't already, they should add DNR a/g

5. As you cross into Deer Rivers area, do you need to notify anyone?

Open Discussion at the tables. Do you notify Dispatch? This would be a good time to request any additional information needed.

6. You arrive on scene, who do you notify and on what channel?

Open Discussion but likely the IC on the repeater so dispatch hears.

7. The DNR IC notifies you that this is a Forest Service Fire and has transferred command to a FS IC. Command Frequency is Chip Net East, Tac is Chip Tac 1 and Air to Ground is A/G 19. The FS IC give you a briefing and tells you that your crew will be working on the Right Flank (Div Zulu) your job is to follow up the helicopter and call-in bucket Drops as needed.
As a crew, what radio group(s) will you use? What channels will you scan? How will you configure your crew and radios to make sure you are scanning everything you need?

Open Discussion, Group 19 has command and Tac channels but not A/G someone in the crew will need to scan a different group with the FS A/G Channel

8. While calling in bucket drops, you notice a drone flying around the fire. What channel can you use to notify the helicopter and other aircraft?

Air Guard, channel 16

9. One of your crew members cuts their leg with a fire tool. They have moderate bleeding, and will need stitches, a ride to the hospital (priority Yellow). One crewmember with a first aid kit is tending to the injuries, you are the IWI IC. Who do you contact, what channel and what do you say?

Open Discussion, Notify IC, Notify Dispatch on Command, Provide MIR report

10. You have an 800 Radio with you, but no Itasca County frequencies. Is there a way you can use the 800 to contact the ambulance? If so, how?

There are 2 options to contacting the Ambulance on the 800.

1. Request an S tac channel from the county dispatch. This channel may have already been identified
2. Use a call (NE-Call) to contact Itasca County Dispatch. Then request either an S tac or a Patch into their local channel

Use of V-Med and V-Fire

The use of V-Med 28 and V- Fire 23 are specific to the county you are working in. County dispatchers have that frequency available, but it is likely not monitored. Do not rely on a V-Med or V-Fire channels for initial communication unless its been identified ahead of time with the county dispatcher. The 800 is likely be best option to talk with Ambulance or Fire department resources.