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WILDLAND FIRE ACADEMY

JUNE 5-9, 2017

Minnesota INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Mike Aultman, INCIDENT COMMANDER

**Wildland Fire Academy**

**June 5 - 9, 2017**

**MN Incident Management Team**

**Mike Aultman**

# **COMMAND**

**Assigned Tasks**:

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**What went well:**

**Opportunities for improvement:**

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…Mike Aultman

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# **SAFETY / MEDICAL**

**Assigned Tasks**:

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**What went well:**

**Opportunities for improvement:**

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…Doug Miedtke

# **LIAISON**

**Assigned Tasks**:

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**What went well:**

**Opportunities for improvement:**

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…Dave Snetsinger

# **INFORMATION**

**Assigned Tasks**:

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**What went well:**

**Opportunities for improvement:**

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…Tim Engrav

# **FINANCE**

**Assigned Tasks**:

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**What went well:**

**Opportunities for improvement:**

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…Brenda Miles

# **LOGISTICS**

The Academy was held at the Itasca Community College (ICC). The campus had plenty of room to support all IMT functions including classes, support trailers and supply area with room for field exercises on adjoining property of the U of M and Trout property.

The Logistic section operated with a fully functioning Facilities, Ground Support, Communications, Food and Supply units fully staffed by qualified individuals. In addition, the Logistics section had 2 LSC2 trainees, as well as a four person CCMI crew.

**What went well:**

Food Unit:

* Received timely 213’s for field lunches for the most part
* Outdoor tent is now an essential resource for this academy

Supply:

* Bringing in the Cache Van in support of the Academy was a good move. Greatly reduced the need for so many additional resource orders throughout the week.

Facilities:

* Very few facilities issues. This facility and all the resources available in the Grand Rapids area were a great asset.
* ICC, USDA, U of M staffs were extremely accommodating and great to work with.

Ground Support:

 State locks on gates

* MIFC drivers and vehicles to support logistics

Communications:

* Communication trailer was well set-up
* During the IWI the radio patch with the county worked well
* Pre-briefing about the IWI scenario with the communications team members was helpful.

CCMI Crew:

Having a CCMI crew for use by Logistics Section is essential and they provided great support for Ground Support, Facilities and Food Units. Great Job.

**Opportunities for improvement:**

* Lead instructor pre-orders needs to get sent out earlier than this year and submitted back to MIFC in a more timely fashion. We should attach the electronic General Message forms so that all requests come in in the proper format. Requests should be broken down on the General Message so that Supplies needed, course materials needed and procurements are not all bunched up on one general message.
* Planning for the Academy should start a bit earlier than we got going this year.
* An additional 4 sand tables should be available for use at the Academy.
* Need to develop a more comprehensive map of the field locations that includes newly established drop points, toilet and wash station locations for field locations.
* Purchase of some rigid sign board materials would be helpful to improve some of our misc. signing needs.

# **OPERATIONS**

**Assigned Tasks**:

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**What went well:**

**Opportunities for improvement:**

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…Kurt Schierenbeck

# **Air Operations**

**Assigned Tasks**:

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**What went well:**

**Opportunities for improvement:**

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…Bill Schuster

# **PLANS**

**Incident Schedule**

0630 Start of shift

0700 Operational Briefing

1200 Command and General Staff meeting

1530 Tactics/Pre-planning meeting

1700 Planning Meeting/Evening briefing

**Assigned Tasks**:

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**What went well:**

**Opportunities for improvement:**

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…Jeremy Fauskee

2016 Minnesota Wildfire Academy (MN-MNS-716055)

June 5, 2016 to June 10, 2016

Comments & Recommendations

* Academy provided an excellent opportunity for trainees to hone their skills, while working on Position Task Book
* Academy Coordinator did an excellent job by providing quality courses and opportunities for IMT trainees
* Inclusion of a Training Specialist (TNSP) on the IMT allowed Academy Coordination to focus on the academy needs
* Utilize the Eastern Area Priority Trainee List to identify more trainees for the Academy IMT

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| Trainees by Position |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name  | Position | Agency | \* End PTB Rating | % of PTB Complete | Total Days Assigned |
| Bombeck, Ronald | MEDL | State | 2 | 91 | 8 |
| Bourquin, Elizabeth | SCKN | State | 6 | 100 | 2 |
| Calder, Nancy | COST | State | 2 | 59 | 5 |
| Carlson, Robert W | MEDL | State | 2 | 98 | 6 |
| Edelman, Donna | COST | State | 2 | 53 | 6 |
| Edelman, Donna | TIME | State | 1 | 100 | 6 |
| Eisenrich, Wendy | RADO | FS | 2 | 100 | 8 |
| Engrav, Timothy J | PIO2 | FS | 2 | 25 | 5 |
| Erickson, Markus | PIO2 | State | 1 | 100 | 6 |
| Gaalaas, Karl J | MEDL | State | 2 | 91 | 8 |
| Halvorsen, Marlyn J | LOFR | State | 2 | 71 | 6 |
| Jenkins, Brian S | ICT2 | FS | 2 | 46 | 8 |
| Johnson II, Joseph D | ITSS | State | 6 | 100 | 6 |
| Larson, Juanita | RADO | State | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Lauer, Edward J | LSC2 | State | 2 | 100 | 8 |
| Monroe, Lyn M | ABRO | State | 2 | 100 | 3 |
| Mursu, Chris R | RESL | FWS | 6 | 100 | 6 |
| Nelson, Dustin | ASGS | State | 2 | 98 | 6 |
| Olsen, Shawn | HEB2 | State | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| Pollard, Matthew T | RCDM | State | 1 | 100 | 6 |
| Powers, Christi A | PIOF | State | 2 | 56 | 7 |
| Rengo, Jeff | SOF2 | State | 2 | 29 | 8 |
| Robertshaw, Becky | ORDM | FS | 2 | 81 | 8 |
| Schlitz, Michael | SCKN | State | 1 | 100 | 5 |
| Schumacher, Stephen | SCKN | FWS | 1 | 100 | 5 |

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| Trainees by Agency  |  |  |  |
|   | Minnesota DNR | USDA Forest Service | US Fish & Wildlife | Grand Total |
| Command | 4 | 2 |   | 6 |
| Finance | 3 |   |   | 3 |
| Logistics | 6 | 2 |   | 8 |
| Operations | 3 |   |   | 3 |
| Plans | 3 |   | 2 | 5 |
| Total | 19 | 4 | 2 | 25 |

\* END PTB RATING

1. The trainee has successfully performed all tasks in the PTB for the position.
2. The tasks have been performed in a satisfactory manner. However, opportunities were not available for all tasks (or all uncompleted tasks) to be performed and evaluated on this assignment. An additional assignment is needed to complete the evaluation.
3. The trainee did not complete certain tasks in the PTB in a satisfactory manner and additional training, guidance, or experience is recommended.
4. The individual is severely deficient in the performance of tasks in the PTB for the position and additional training, guidance, or experience is recommended prior to another training assignment.
5. Trainee/Trainer did not complete the training documentation package with the Training Specialist.
6. Trainee completed PTB, but requests an additional assignment.