2012 NC MAFFS Conference call notes

04-04-12

Roll Call:

MAFFS Cadre- Frank Domingues & Lee Burwell

NC & SC Dispatch Centers Fred Mascher, & Dave Kuhn, Brenden for SA GACC

NC ANG- Jon Locklear & Paul Mikeal

Lead Plane Cadre- Kevin Meekin & Dolan McDonald

National Interagency Incident Communication Division-James Reed & Mike Taumer

Donaldson Center Airport (GYH)-Chief J R Boyce & Danny Moyd, not on call

First line of business - NC ANG addressed a change of the POC from Major Jon Locklear to LT. Col. Paul Mikeal, they are transitioning duties for this training exercise.

MABM’s – Doug Ivey voice concern about Back Flow valve for the water meter. Dave Kuhn relayed all has been taken care of and will be installed on May 4th. Dave thinks the install of the water meter includes the Back Flow valve but will check and get back with us. Backflow valve is included with the install.

Next Issue was about security. Basically, how much will be needed. Major Locklear talked with Danny Moyd and he relayed that supposedly there is to be 24 hour watch provided for the C-130’s when they are in place at Donaldson because of it being a Class D Airfield. If additional security is needed, the fed agencies should be the ones to get it in place. In past ANG has had 12 additional but that was for the large contingent of 8 planes. Frank will look into it further to see what needs to be done. Will have one entry/exit point for the exercise and that will be down by the fire station located on the airfield.

MAFF Kits – will need to get these shipped to Greeneville – will talk with Les Dixon and Roger Manning to get a date for delivering them and where. Would like to have the delivery point be the fire station where the entry/exit location will be. Frank will follow up with both Les and Roger. In addition, we will need to get a Low Mast Fork Lift with extension forks to the delivery point to off load the kits. Dave Kuhn said he might be able to get an agency fork lift for the exercise the may meet the requirements.

NEPA Issue was next on the discussion. The ones for the drop sites in NC have been completed. Fred Mascher mentioned that paper work and clearance has been given to use the spots. The alternate weather drop zone in SC is close to being completed per Dave Kuhn.

Lead Plane cadre next up in discussion. Kevin Meekin will be the lead for them and he addressed and got a take on what amount of ground training will be needed. As of now, it can be done in Donaldson for the new pilots that are coming on and any review for the other pilots can be done there, as well. So the ground training for the radio refresher will be done in Greeneville. Kevin also mentioned that after talking to Scott Fisher he was led to believe that Scott wanted to have a full briefing on seasonal assessment and a person to come in and talk about retardant. I mentioned I will follow up on that end to see if the needs to be full blown. FAA and tower contacts will be done by the Lead Plane cadre.

Radio training was the next bin item. Radio training for the flight crews will take place at Greeneville now. It was determined that there are only two new pilots that need to be trained up on them and any other pilots that want refresh on their use can do so at Greeneville. The radio shop has offered to set up a table for them to do so.

 Communications - Jim Reed inquired about Internet connections and the amount of phone lines we may need. Voiced that we should be able to use what is established already in the building. Mike voiced in that he will have some hotspots available if we need them for wireless access, as well. An inquiry about radio communication with the base was brought up. We will have a base station radio set up for commo with the dispatch centers for both NC and SC. Additional FM A-G, and AM A-A’s radio freqs will be ordered if necessary.