

Helena Division Mobilization Board 2004 Fall Meeting November 9, 2004

- NRCG Updates & Briefing – Tim Murphy
 - Future of Private Fire Service
 - Northern Rockies Issues:
 - Too many contractor associations
 - Too many MOU training providers
 - Too many pieces of water handling equipment (how much is too much)
 - Too many versions of the rules
 - Too many unwritten rules
 - Poor understanding of big picture
 - Fire Departments vs. private contractor issues
 - What is the role of contractors in prescribed fire
 - NRCG Task Orders:
 - Develop mandatory performance evaluation system for equipment
 - Develop a complaint database for recording performance
 - Define “best value” & develop criteria & process for determining “best value”
 - Develop procedures for dispatching best value resources
 - Develop resource mobilization system based on best value rewarding Contractors for high quality work
 - Identify number & type of resources needed
 - Develop performance standards & consequences for poor performance
 - Define roles of government & contract resources
 - Process for fair share administration
 - Develop & Implement a task book for the IACR position or COTR position
- Lewis & Clark County New Radio System – Cheryl Liedle
 - Sometime down the road a state wide radio system
 - Interoperability – set aside ownership
 - Multi agency in Lewis & Clark County
- Contractor Representation on Board – Greg Archie & Bret Ruby
 - Non voting position to mob board to provide input
 - Ideas so far are two options -
 - Association member – would represent all associations within Helena division
 - Non association member would represent all non association members
 - Open microphone time – anyone can bring an issue forward at this time –

would the group rather have everyone be able to speak for themselves rather than funnel your information through the representative?

- ✓ Would rather have open sessions than have a representative at the meetings and on the board. Will send out solicitations for ideas before the meetings so the board can be prepared for the meeting and allow open microphone time.
 - On the HIDC web site there is a place where meeting notes will be posted and also a contractor contact list posted for who you can contact for specific information.
- Helena Interagency Dispatch Center – Judy & Rosanna
 - ROSS Information –
 - Fire managers prospective - the changes have been positive
 - Learning curve for everyone
 - Not a lot of consistency as to how equipment is identified in ROSS
Beginning to set standard procedures
 - Northern Rockies trying to become consistent
 - ❖ (Type of equipment)(company)(last 3 letters of license number or vin number) ie. ENGINE – Summers Water – T6V234
 - Discussion on “Best Value” and having three people on engines required for private contractors. State and Feds have three why don’t private contractors? Northern Rockies
 - Support three but NWCG isn’t there yet.
 - Review of typing for pieces of equipment
 - For typing we are always referring to fire typing
 - Department on Homeland security is going to a numbering system on vehicle numbering – All government agencies are required a three letter designator is all that is required all ready.
 - Everyone is doing their ROSS status’ing which is great.
 - For dispatching we are not checking ROSS first to see if you have marked your self available we are going from our rotation list.
 - Call Up Procedures & Questions
 - We are requesting three numbers from you and we will try all three numbers for you. If we get an answering machine or pager you will have 10 minutes to respond. If we don’t hear from you we will move on.
 - Discussion on being “punished” by missing a call by being moved to the bottom of the rotation. “Problem is if you don’t want to take the assignment don’t answer your phone.”
 - This topic will be on the spring agenda – we will send out the topic agenda’s in advance and allow time for input and feedback and a decision will be made at the spring meeting on how to handle the rotation order.

- Send to Judy in writing before the next meeting and we can get this worked out before spring.
 - Consensus is that a person should not be moved to the bottom of the rotation list if they are not able to respond to a call. They should not lose their place and next time around they should still be on the top of the list.
 - Other issue is that if an assignment is refused you go to the bottom of the list.
- Decision is that if you turn down an assignment you go to the bottom of the list.
- If your equipment is not available or you are not available and you notify dispatch then you don't go to the bottom of the list.
- Rotation Order for Next Season
 - Question – shuffle deck again or leave it as is. If someone new comes in they just go to the bottom of the list. They would like to leave the rotation order as is and new people go to the bottom of the list.
 - Discussion on options on how we can streamline the contracting end of things and simplify the process. Due dates need to be adhered to by everyone.
 - We are looking at processes – when you see the note for the Spring meeting date get your info to Judy.
 - Spring Meeting Date
 - Thursday February 24, 2005
- Open Microphone for all – Meeting adjourned at 9:50.