

Black Hills Fire Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 30, 2009 @ Hot Springs Fire Hall @ 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Roger Wiley in the absence of Bill Bell.

Additional Items for the agenda, none were added.

Introduction of attendees: see attached list on page 5

Motion by Hofer, seconded Mattox to approve minutes of April 29, 2009 @ Belle Fouche. Carried.

Review attached list of Board Members and mailing list

OLD BUSINESS

Up Coming Training Classes – SD WFS classes - -

Shadehill Exercise – Rob Lehmann explained this exercise is moving forward and April 24 is the tentative set, with the same format as last year and adding ICT4 exercise. Grant funding is being pursued.

Custer State Park Exercise, there are no plans to do a CSP exercise this year.

East River Exercise – working on getting an exercise for later in the summer or early fall.

Coordinated training: State Wildland training will be trying to pull together a more coordinated training schedule and posting the training on the GPC website.

Action Required: Nothing at this time.

County wildland classes –

Action Required: If any department is having wildland training, get the info to NGP so they can get it posted on their webpage..

State Handbook items – no report

Action Required: Nothing at this time.

ROSS Status – . Sheri Fox said the password reset is now operational, but you must know your current password, before resetting. Sheri handed out a sheet explaining the how to change password. ROSS will archive around mid-January and then a new version will be out there.

Wildland fire would like the updated lists of equipment so they can get entered sooner rather than later.

Action Required: Depts. need to get their equipment lists into GPC for updating.

ROSS Password Policy – these still apply.

- Minimum Length = 12 characters.
- Must contain at least one alpha character (Aa - Zz).
- Must contain at least one digit (0 - 9) OR one special character.
- 24 unique new passwords must be created before an old password may be reused.
- Passwords expire after 60 days.
- Password minimum age is 24 hours.
- "Password will expire in X days" warning is displayed for the 10 days prior to expiration.

- Accounts are locked after 3 failed login attempts.
- Users with expired passwords have a limited number of opportunities to create a new password.
- When the expired passwords are exhausted the account is locked.
- The Account Manager at the managing dispatch can reset passwords for locked accounts
- **The ROSS Helpdesk cannot reset passwords.**

IQS Qualification System – IQS web is in the hands of the State ITS, they hope to have it up and running before summer 2010. It will be internet based without a lot of changes, other than internet. Classes will be offered to those who request them.

A training needs analysis is being discussed to see what is needed state wide.

Action Required: WFS will be contacting departments that haven't sent in their info and see what they can do to help get the info.

East River Advisory Board – nothing to report

Action Required: Nothing at this time.

2006 Agreement – Lowe said the new rates should be out now, but has not verified what the rates exactly are. Chapter 20 on the RMCG Interagency Business handbook. Joe thought the AD rates went up, but the equipment rates were the same or up only slightly.

Fire shelters and narrow banding will be included in an updated agreement.

Action Required: Contact Brenda Even for latest rates.

NGP Type III Team – Ray Bubbs explained that the State is working on a Type III IC mobile office vehicle with some basic communications. It could be used for finance, planning and other uses. It will be available to agencies needing to set up some command post.

There were no USFS officials at the meeting, but these agencies were preceding under the "Redbook" guidelines. It was believed that the South Type III team with Brian Daunt as IC was still organized. Brian said the Nebraska NF will have a standing team with rostered members. The Black Hills NF will still have a team but will be assembled on as needed basis with qualified members.

Web site for the Redbook is http://www.nifc.gov/policies/red_book.htm

Action Required: Departments should go to this website and down load a copy of the "Redbook" for reference.

Other

Action Required: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of past fires – Strain said that there was really only 1 fire this summer of around 12 acres. There was one in Nebraska for around 900 acres and a few others that were around 1000 acres.

Action Required: Nothing at this time.

Up Coming Fire Season – Lowe reported that he could only guess as to the upcoming fire season.

Action Required: Nothing at this time.

2010 Refresher Training: McMahill said chain saw safety would be one of the emphases; RT 130 should be available around the early part of March.

Red Cards issued by SDWFS office – WFS will issue Red Cards for those departments who can't or are unable to issue their own.

Action Required: Nothing at this time.

RMCG Team B – Pechota –. Jim McMahill said they have a few holes but they have a number of applications. It was noted that the Type 1 team has a number of vacancies and the committee will be addressing those openings.

Action Required: Nothing at this time.

RMCG Team C – Lowe said they only a couple of openings at this time but are returning with most all same members.

Action Required: Nothing at this time.

Spring RMCG meetings: Most likely will be early April and in Ft. Collins area.

Action Required: Nothing at this time.

Guidelines for Structure protection – Lowe reported that he and Pechota have discussed this. Daunt said that this will be addressed in any cost share basis on an individual basis at the time of a fire. Lowe, Daunt and McMahill said they didn't see any changes from the past policies and that federal agencies would continue to provide protection to their level of training.

Action Required: Nothing at this time.

Radio Frequency Plan for 2010 Fires and 2011 narrow banding – Strain addressed that the SD Public Safety Communication Council were addressing some state wide issues. These included: narrow banding, V-tac frequencies and other issues. There was some discussion that some of the V-tac frequencies may interfere with some state digital radio sites. Roger has a list of the V-tac's.

Action Required: The proposed plan is to switch to narrow banding for common interagency frequencies, such as SD Mutual 1 & 2, National Fire and/or NIIMS around May 2011. This allows depts. time to plan and budget for any change over.

Action Required: Gorton will contact Jeff Pierce about Vtac's and how they are addressing this issue?

Survey to departments: Lowe said that on Dec 31 your old style fire shelter will not be accepted on any federal fires, only the "new" style will be allowed. This policy would be for responding to any federal fire outside the Black Hills zone only at this time.

Action Required: Depts. need to assure that if they are planning on responding outside the Black Hills that their personnel have only new style shelters.

NGP dispatch notification change: Hofer said there was some discussion in Pennington County about changing the way NGP is notified by the local dispatch centers. It was suggested that the local dispatch center should contact NGP with what resources are responding to reported wildland fires.

Action Required: Lowe will do some checking and address if this is an issue.

Election of Chair Elect for 2010 – Motion by Hofer, seconded by Hertel to have Roger Wiley as Chair for 2010.

Action Required: Nothing more at this time.

Future Meetings:

Spring 2010 meeting – Wednesday, March 31, 2010 Deadwood Fire Hall @ 7:00 PM.

Fall 2010 meeting – Wednesday, Sept 29, 2010 @ Northern Great Plains @ 7:00 PM

Motion by Mattox to adjourn, Hermanson second. Carried.

Future Items for discussion:

- ↪ Seating of Chair Elect –
- ↪ Review of past fire season
- ↪ Location and date of spring meeting

Respectfully submitted

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