

BLACK HILLS FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

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South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Division of Wildland Fire Suppression
United States Forest Service, Black Hills National Forest
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Minutes of Meeting March 31, 2010 @ Deadwood Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roger Wiley, at 7:00 PM at the Deadwood Fire Department, March 31, 2010.

Introduction of attendees – see attached list

Additional items to agenda – several items were added to the agenda.

Approve minutes of December 30, 2009 meeting at Hot Springs Fire Hall. Motion by Hofer to approve, seconded by Bell. Carried

Old Business –

SDWFS - Training –

Spring time exercises – Strain said the Rob Lehmann is updating the IQS training and that all the Wildland training is now posted on the NGP webpage.

Shadehill - April 24 & 25, 2010 @ Lemmon

Custer State Park – not this year, question was asked if the training was going to return to CSP, Strain didn't think it would be for at least the next several years.

East River – no info at this time, Rob is working with the Platte VFD on some ICT4 training for later in the year.

RT 130 training – departments may use any refresher training as long as it covers the subjects that are identified.

County training – Bell said Custer VFD, is having a NFA Leadership class on April 17 & 18 in Custer State Park.

Fall River County has several classes listed on the NGP webpage.

Action Required: Nothing at this time

ROSS Changes – Fox said a new version will be out in the next couple months, but should not affect the local VFD's. Firefighters can start status at any time with individual names or departments.

Red Cards – NGP must have a signed copy of the current red card in their file. This could be emailed or mail copy for those that are in ROSS. Send to Chari, Angie or Ken.

Action Required: Nothing at this time

IQS Changes – Fox said SD WFS will contact dept's for additional info if needed.

Action Required: Nothing at this time

2006 Agreements – Strain asked to form a working group to begin looking at required changes. Brenda said that here will be some changes due to the requirement of Request For Proposals.

Action Required: A committee was appointed consisting of SDWFS, USFS, Bill Bell, Denny Gorton. The Board members will be kept informed of the meetings, etc. Strain will set up several possible meeting dates and email out.

Radio frequency plan for 2010 & 2011 – Fox handed out the new USFS radio plan for the 2010 fire season and explained the various changes. There are some radio frequencies that are not listed, due to security and if a department feels they need them to contact Fox.

Action Required: Nothing at this time

V-tac frequencies and the State digital system – email from Jeff Pierce said there is no direct problem between the Vtac and the State Digital sites. If some of the V-tac's or Mutual Aid 1 or 2 are in close proximity to some of the digital repeaters it could cause an issue. However, there is no way fire departments could keep all this information straight and so it is up to the communication unit leader.

Action Required: Nothing at this time

NGP notification from local dispatch – Fox said she has met with two counties at this time, and will meet with the all five in the Black Hills. The issue is that when a local dispatch center pages fire departments NGP does not monitor or know which departments or units are responding. Then NGP dispatches units to the same incident and there can be confusion about the number of resources responding and needed. Fox asked that if fire departments are dispatched by their normal center they should maintain radio contact with their dispatch. If NGP dispatches a fire department or requests them to respond, then that department should maintain radio contact with NGP.

New Business –

Past fires –

Berretta Rd fire: This is one of the few recently and there were no major issues. There was a question by the IC about signing time sheets and if the fire departments billed for the first operational period.

Action Required: Todd Pechota said the fire departments can bill for the time on the fire and that the IC should be signing time sheets as a matter of record. Pechota said it was an oversight and he would visit with USFS personnel.

1880 Train grass fire: The question was if a fire is inside city limits will NGP still be sending resources? Fox said that they will be sending units 99% of the time, unless you notify them that a fire is inside city limits.

Action Required: Departments need to remember to notify NGP. If in a City limits, let them know.

Upcoming fire season – Prescribed fire in Bennett County if departments are interested. Also CSP and the New Underwood game area.

Action Required: Nothing at this time Jay says when the wind isn't blowing they will burn.

Rocky Mountain Teams –

Type II Team C Report – Team C Lowe There is no change to Team C not leaving the Black Hills area if the planning level is 3 or above, however Team C is the first to be assigned for any fires in this region.

Type II Team Report – Team B Pechota meetings next week in April. There were no assignments the past year. The four Rocky Mountain teams are basically in good shape, with a few holes in some positions. Most of the holes are in non-operational positions. Rotations for the teams will be similar to last year.

Action Required: Nothing at this time

Narrow banding radio change over date – discussion Still the move date for May/June 2011. Contact Public Safety Communications Council for more information..

Action Required: Nothing at this time

Wildland Fire billing for First Period – Paul Smith email done

Action Required: Nothing at this time

IQS clarification: Roger Wiley gave a short presentation of some basic things those who input IQS info should be aware of. Contact Rob Lehmann, Jim Burke, Cindy Hansen or Roger Wiley if you have any questions. Best to call first and make sure someone is there who can help.

Fall Meeting at Northern Great Plains, Wed. Sept 29, 2010 @ 7 PM

Spring meeting date and location – North Haines VFD, Wed, March 30, 2011

Adjourn Lamphere motion to adjourn, seconded by Davis. Carried.


Dennis Garcia
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