

(Name of local) AREA

EMERGENCY PLAN
and
OPERATING GUIDELINES

for

WILDLAND and
WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE FIRES

(date of revision)

INTRODUCTION:

This major incident pre-plan is a cooperative effort between DNR - Forestry and the _____ Fire Department. The _____ area is susceptible to wildfire, and given the concentrations of people and structures in certain locations, a major wildfire could be a disaster. This plan has been tailored to deal with a rural-urban interface wildfire situation but the command and organizational structure could be used to manage any disaster. The intent of this plan is to establish some basic procedures and structures that will minimize confusion when an incident threatens the _____ Community. Fire incidents will be managed under a Unified Command involving the DNR and local Fire Department Resources.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The decision to use the operating guidelines in this plan will be made by the initial attack incident commander(s). At this time an incident command post will be designated and a unified command between DNR and the fire department will be established. This could be a temporary command post such as a fire department or DNR vehicle or one of the established locations identified in the plan. If additional resources are needed a staging area and staging area manager will be chosen to receive any incoming resources that are not being put to work directly on the fire. The unified command will then decide where and how these resources will be utilized on the fire. Additional resources will only be ordered by the unified command or their designee.

BASIC RADIO PLAN:

Once the plan is activated, the DNR IC will operate on a DNR Tactical Frequency, and the _____ FD Fire Chief will operate on the Fire Mutual Aid frequency. (The fire department dispatching frequency should not be use for operations.) MN Statewide Emergency Frequency (MNSEF) will be used for law enforcement liaison, preferably through a DNR Conservation Officer. Working channels for fire department and DNR teams will be designated as the need develops.

ROLES OF LOCAL RESPONDERS:

During an extended major incident, local emergency personnel -- both DNR and VFD Bmay be shunted into positions other than fire suppression. People familiar with local roads, fuel types, and hazard areas, may be better employed in evacuation operations, as guides to incoming mutual aid units, as field observers and scouts, or as staging managers. Flexibility of roles is critical.

POTENTIAL RESPONDERS:

It's to be expected that this plan could engage the following agencies:

(List all likely agencies that could be involve with a major incident, such as, DNR Forestry, fire departments, first responders, mutual aid fire departments, U.S. Forest Service, MN Conservation Officers, county sheriff, police departments, ambulances, rescue squads, power companies, Red Cross, Salvation Army, public works departments, etc.)

EVACUATION:

Law enforcement personnel would be the best people to conduct an evacuation, but responding units could be involved. Activation of this plan would probably entail some level of evacuation, and local media (primarily radio stations) would be contacted to spread the word to the public. Based on current and expected fire location and behavior, the Unified Command would specify areas to be evacuated and routes to be followed. This information would be transmitted to responding units and the _____ DNR dispatch, _____ Fire Department Dispatch, and the _____ Sheriff’s Dispatch Center so they could phone local radio and TV stations.

EMS OPERATIONS

(List ambulance services, first responders, and hospitals that would be utilized.)

AIR OPERATIONS

Air operations will be under the direct control of the DNR. If a helibase is needed the following locations could be used as a helibase.

(List possible helibase locations, location of nearest airtanker base, air resources normally available, contact names and phone numbers.)

() AREA

OVERVIEW:

(A general description of the area. Describe type of residencies, general geographic and topographic features, major road systems and any other characteristic of the community the may help incoming responders. This overview should be limited to less that half a page.)

(map symbols, other than those noted, may be used)

Potential Staging s / ICP Locations: Indicated by Green Circles on Map.

- (List potential staging areas and Incident Command Post (ICP) locations.)
- (Staging areas should have easy access with room to park large equipment.)
- (ICP locations should have a building with electricity and phone lines available. There should be room for parking and room to expand. Examples would be DNR office sites, fire halls, town halls, community centers, schools (when not in session), etc.)

Safe Zones and Evacuation Route: Indicated by Yellow Circles on Map.

- (List safety zones and evacuation routes. Examples might include schools, churches, community centers, gravel pits, etc.)
- (List pre-determined evacuation centers for victims. These may be identified in city or county emergency plans.)

Water Sources for Engines and Tenders: Indicated by Blue Circles on Map.

- (List potential water sources, such as:)
- (Hydrant)
- (Dry hydrants)
- (Lake & river accesses)
- (Tanks)
- (Industrial sources, etc.)

Special Problems / Hazard Zones: Indicated by Pink Circles on Map.

Limited access / egress to the following areas:

- (List areas, neighborhoods, facilities, businesses, etc. that have limited access for emergency response equipment.)

Special Problems:

- (List facilities that may be present special problems, such as hazardous material, high flammability, or institutions such as nursing homes, schools, prisons, etc.)

Aviation Hazards:

- (List hazards to aviation resources, such as towers, high voltage power lines, military low level flight paths, etc.)

General Wildland Fuel Characteristics:

- (List wildland fuel types and some characteristics that present problems, examples.)

- (Lowland grass and brush - flashy fuels, high rates of spread, spot fires, soft ground,)
- (Lowland conifers - difficult access, possible crown fires,)
- (Upland grass fields – flashy fuels, high rates of spread, spotting, may be soft ground,)
- (Upland conifer (Jackpine / Norway Pine)
- (flashy fuels, intense heat, possible crown fires, difficult access, difficult mop-up, snags falling)
- (etc.)

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

(Modify for local use)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES & PERSONNEL		
OFFICE OR PERSONNEL	TYPE OF #	PHONE #
General Information – (city or township hall)	Office	
	Fax	
Local Public Officials		
(List names and phone numbers)		
Fire Chief – (Name)	Fire Hall	
	Work	
	Home	
	Cell	
Assistant Chief – (Name)	Work	
	Home	
	Cell	
Other Fire Department Contacts – (List names & #s)		
Public Works Department	Office	
	Fax	
Supervisor – (Name)	Work	
	Home	
	Cell	
Other Local Offices – (List as appropriate)		

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

MEDICAL		
FACILITY	TYPE OF #	PHONE #
(List Hospitals, with address)	General Info	
	Emergency Rm	
(List Burn Centers)		
(List Clinics, with address)		
(List Ambulance services)		
(List Medical Helicopter services)		
911 Dispatch Center		

LAW ENFORCEMENT		
OFFICE	TYPE OF #	PHONE #
Sheriff's Department	Office	
	Fax	
Police Department	Office	
	Fax	
State Patrol		
MN DNR Conservation Officers		

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

DNR FORESTRY (& OTHER WILDLAND FIRE AGENCIES)		
DNR FORESTRY	TYPE OF #	PHONE #
(Office, with address)	Office	
	Fax	
	Pager	
(List personnel)	Work	
	Home	
	Cell	
	Pager	
Minnesota Interagency Fire Center (MIFC) Grand Rapids	General	218-327-4436
	Fax	218-327-4527
MIFC – Dispatch Center	Dispatch	218-327-4558
	Fax	218-327-4528
OTHER WILDLAND AGENCIES		
(List other wildland agencies, i.e., USFS, BIA, etc. as appropriate for your area)		

UTILITIES		
OFFICE	TYPE OF #	PHONE #
ROADS & BRIDGES		
MN DOT (Location)		
(County Road and/or city street department)		
POWER COMPANIES		
(List electric power companies)		
Natural Gas or Petroleum Pipe Lines		
Telephone Company		

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

MEDIA CONTACTS		
OFFICE	TYPE OF #	PHONE #
RADIO STATIONS		
(List)		
TELEVISION STATIONS		
(List)		
NEWS PAPERS		
(List)		
FIRE INFORMATION OFFICERS		
(List FD, DNR, USFS, etc. trained as FIOs or PIOs)		

BUSINESSES		
TYPE	EMERGENCY #	PHONE #
FOOD		
(List)		
LODGING		
(List)		
FUEL		
(List)		
LOCAL BUSINESSES AND FACILITIES THAT MAY BE AFFECTED BY AN INCIDENT		
(List)		

MAPS

(Add local maps with map features.)