

MFF Workgroup Meeting

Minutes

The MFF workgroup met on 03 NOV, 2015 to build a plan for moving forward on various objectives of the group. The group met at the Nikiski Fire Department with the following attendees;

John Taylor-Chair

James Baisden

Marshall Blankenship

David DeVilbiss

Todd Duke

Greg LeBeau

Mark Tornai

Scott Walden

Mike Watson

Joseph Losciuto

Jeff Johnson

We are further dividing the MFF workgroup into sub workgroups to tackle different agendas. Those agendas are

- MFF training for land based FF's
- Away Team or a look at the formation of something similar to MFSA
- Complete a GAP analysis on where we currently are with MFF in Cook Inlet
- Review of multiple plans with the USCG on MFF, including the Area Contingency Plan, Port Security Plan, Harbor Safety Plan and various Emergency Response plans (IE Borough Plans)
- Interaction with Marine Salvage groups and working together in a Unified Command, Letters of Consent between Public and Private response.
- The proposed 2017 Marine Firefighting Symposium planning and how it can be tailored to benefit CI response.

Meeting Notes:

Joe LoSciuto discussed how ASRC could be a logistical hub for Mid Inlet response for MFF, particularly at the Nikiski berths.

James Baisden discussed what he would like to see as the end game for the MFF workgroup. That is accomplish training for shore-side firefighters responding to Marine incidents.

Scott Walden discussed coordination of response efforts, in particularly with his office of Emergency Response for the Kenai Borough. How does that plan fit in with regular response for Marine emergencies, including fire and salvage and where their responsibilities are in relation to the State and Federal concerns.

A discussion was held on the MFF workgroup being a jumping off point to achieve a structured State Mobilization in conjunction with other response.

An open discussion was held on qualifications for firefighters to be Marine firefighters. Currently the State has an avenue to certification but it was recognized that this could be vastly improved and build upon.

We will make a small group from the larger to work with the USCG to consolidate, improve and harmonize the various plans that involve MFF. LTCD Matt Mitchel will be the coordinating person with this group. We will have a meeting on this in January (est. the 25th) to further study.

Additional persons who will be asked to participate in the MFF workgroup are;

Bob Archibald (CIRCAC) to assist in the Marine FF symposium and the Fire Chiefs from Anchorage, Kenai, CES, Homer, Kachemak Emergency Services, and all mutual aid departments to the above.

Meeting was adjourned just prior to the CIHSC meeting with further communications to go out on the next meeting prior to the next FEB meeting of the HSC.