

## **4325.1 Fire Management HB**

### **Summary of Changes**

This document summarizes substantive updates to the Fire Management Handbook (4325.1). Minor wordsmithing, grammar, and formatting changes are not listed.

Throughout the document the following changes were made:

- “Wildland fire” replaced with “forest fire”
- Forestry Law Enforcement references changed to Forest Ranger reference and recertification changed to refresher
- Forestry and DNR organizational terms, acronyms, charts, maps, etc. updated to reflect current organizational structure, position titles, geographic boundaries, etc.
- Embedded links were updated to refer to the most current version of the website referenced
- Hazard Mitigation program references updated to Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR) program
- Publication titles and numbers updated to reflect current titles and numbers
- References to outdated and/or no-longer in print publications removed
  - Protecting Life and Property from Wildfire FR 113
  - Preparing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- Reference to T8x engines updated to include T7x engines
- References to air tankers changed to suppression aircraft
- Where appropriate fire retardant changed to fire resistant

#### **Chapter One: Administration**

- Removed note to enlist fire department partners to share fire prevention messages with school aged children through utilizing Smokey Bear.
- Clarification on the responsibilities of the Command Center.
- Additional information added regarding the activation of the command center.
- Facilities & Communication phone numbers removed.
- Dispatch Group and Fire Response Units map updated.
- Uniform standards for the Forest Ranger uniform updated.
- Removed reference to GEF II

#### **Chapter Two: Prevention**

- Additional examples of fire risk in logging operations added; risk reduction strategies for campground managers and information on tools for Forestry staff to recommend to campground managers
- Red Flag Warnings section updated. Emergency Burning Restrictions, Permit Reinstatement, and Emergency Use Restrictions information added.
- Burn time restriction information updated.
- Special Burning Permits information updated.
- Contacts with Local Political Groups and Organizations updated. University Wisconsin Extension, Contacts with Local businesses, Developers and Realtors with sample letters, Landscapers/Arborists, Forest Industry, and Consultant Foresters sub sections removed.
- Sample letter for Home Ignition Zone Assessments removed. Additionally, under Funding Sources and Grants, Hazard Mitigation Program information removed and replaced with Wildfire Risk Reduction Program information.

- Central Office News Releases updated. Information on Media Inquiries, News Releases & Articles, and Complex Incidents added. Regional News Releases, Incident Command system, Regional Public Affairs Managers, Media Contact Reporting Policy, News Release Format, Typical Questions from Media, sample news release removed.
- Regional Recognition updated.
- Wildfire Prevention Signs updated regarding fire prevention signs inventory.
- Fire Danger Rating Signs updated with information regarding requirements for updating Smokey adjective level signs and off season maintenance. Information on partnership with the Department of Transportation updated.
- Recruitment and Credentials of Emergency Fire Wardens updated. Special EFW Credentials updated

### **Chapter Three: Preparedness**

- General Expectations language regarding fire readiness reviews updated and further explanation moved to Fire Management Facilities.
- Fire resource staffing levels charts removed.
- Fire Weather Station Inspection procedure updated.
- FTS Weather Station Catalogue updated.
- Adjective Levels of National Fire Danger Rating System displaying information on fuel models removed.
- Use and policy on recording devices updated.
- Clarification update on record keeping.
- Fire Danger Rating on Past Project Fires graphic updated.

### **Chapter Four: Suppression**

- Wisconsin ICS Fire Organization and Incident Management Teams information rewritten with clearer language and additional graphics added.
- Assignment of Resources and Equipment updated with clearer language.
- Aerial Suppression Resources verbiage updated.
- WI-DNR SEAT response time for primary bases graphic added.
- WI-DNR SEAT response time for secondary bases graphic added.
- General operations and criteria for use of large air tankers updated.
- Suggested tactical applications for air tankers updated.
- Verbiage update on suggested tactical application for helicopters.
- Updates made to suggested tactical applications for SEATS.
- Removal of note that a water drop on firefighters presents some danger.
- Verbiage update on AAR's. Requirements for rapid lesson sharing removed and updated with clearer language.
- Special Action Fires section added.
- Procedure for Ordering a Forest Fire Review updated.
- Field Level Review updated

### **Chapter Five: Safety**

- Chainsaw use information updated.
- IWI section added
- Added. "Pants and overpants will have reflective stripes. This requirement is met with a 2" stripe on the cuff and a 1" stripe on pocket flaps on recent purchased inventory."

### **Chapter Six: Partner Agreements**

- Partner Agencies in Fire Suppression and Management section updated with clearer language. Information on fire departments training courses and Forest Fire Protection Section Grant Program sections updated with clearer language
- EMS, Wisconsin Emergency Management sections, DOD, Federal Wildland Suppression Agencies and Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact updated information.

### **Chapter Seven: Radio Communications**

- Radio Communications Specialist-DNR Forestry Equipment R&D Section updated with clearer language. DNR Tower Infrastructure management updated. Additional points added to radio communications.
- DOT/BNEDI responsibilities updated.
- Radio equipment account operations section clarified.
- Essential Rules for Radio Communication updated with clearer language.
- Clearer language used for radio programming and radio maintenance/repair service shops sections. Recommended Operational Checks updated information
- Mobile Installations section updated.
- DNR GOLF repeaters information added. Additionally, information on DNR Repeater Naming Convention switched with DNR Tactical Channels. Tactical Channels section updated.

### **Appendix:**

All appendices added