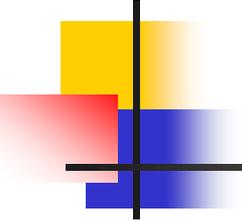




# Code Orange – Community Disaster

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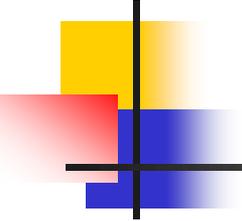
Tabletop Exercise/EOC Training  
July 19, 2017



# Agenda

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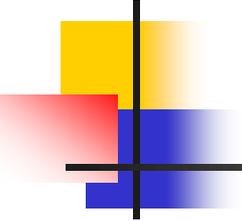
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- Scenario/Discussion



# Rules

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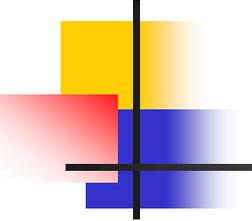
- Please turn off cell phones or set to vibrate.
- Everyone participates.
- No wrong answers.
- Everyone's opinion counts.
- Use existing policy/procedures as outlined in your emergency plans.
- Relax and Learn.



# Purpose

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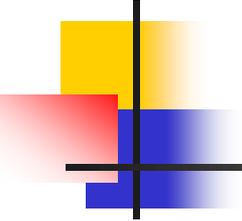
- To assist each player to understand their roles and responsibilities and that of their team members in an activated Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) during a Code Orange (Disaster) event.
- To better enable MFN employees to prepare for and manage a disaster event.



# Objectives

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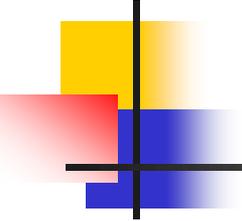
- To examine the level of knowledge each player has regarding their own resources and the resources/expertise of other players.
- To identify /confirm roles and responsibilities related to emergency/disaster response.
- To identify and prioritize emergency response activities (setting up EOC, evacuation etc).
- To familiarize players with notification protocols and decision making processes e.g., activating EOC, using Incident Command System.



# Scope

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- This exercise will examine how the MFN Government's activated EOC will coordinate and manage a potential large scale disaster event.
- This exercise will also identify resources/expertise within/external to the community and how they will coordinate a disaster response which will require medical, fire, police, public works involvement. Consideration will also be given to evacuation requirements for residents.



# Scenario

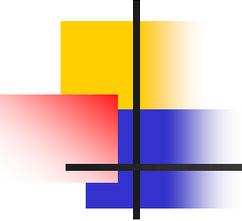
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- On Sunday July 31, 2017 at 0930 hours Michael Forest visited the Waste Disposal Site. As he was getting out of his truck to dispose of his garbage he flicked his cigarette butt paying no attention as to where it landed or the Extreme Fire Hazzard notices posted around the community in the past month. Within five minutes of dropping off his garbage he left the site and returned home.



**EXTREME**  
**FIRE HAZARD**  
**DON'T EVEN FART**  
**IN THE FOREST**





# Scenario (Con't)

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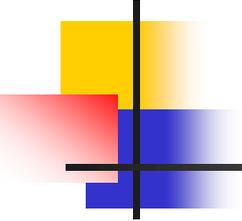
- Given the warm dry weather of the past several weeks it only took a few minutes for the lit cigarette butt to ignite a fire in the nearby garbage bags.
- At approximately 0945 hours Gerard Heater was driving past the Waste Deposal Site and noticed smoke rising through the trees. He immediately drove towards the Site and as he got closer it became obvious that a serious looking fire was well underway. He tried to contact the local

# Scenario (Con't)

Volunteer Fire Chief, however was not able to as there was no cell phone reception.

- At approximately 0955 hours he contacted the Fire Chief and relayed his findings at the Site.
- As soon as the Fire Chief heard the news he notified his Volunteer Fire Fighters of the fire.





# Scenario Discussion Points

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- What actions would need to be taken immediately?
- Who undertakes those actions?
- Who is responsible for ensuring these actions take place?
- Would the General Manager or alternate be notified at this point?

# Scenario (Con't)

- At 1005 hours the Fire Dept & RCMP arrive at the Site. They take control of the site and set up response and security perimeters.
- Initial assessment indicates that the wind is blowing from the southeast at 20kms an hour. The weather for noon indicates a temperature of 25C, increasing winds to 40kms an hour, and no forecast of rain for the next two days.
- Also a risk of winds blowing north east in the evening. This poses risk to community.



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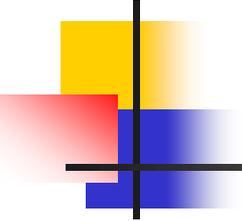
- At 1025 hours the fire is not under control as the fire has spread to the woods.
- Also, the local Volunteer Fire Dept response is a concern to the Chief as he is short two firefighters as they are out of the community on vacation. He requests support from neighboring communities.



# Discussion Points

- The Fire Dept & RCMP are taking control of the Waste Deposal Site Fire scene.
- Given the impact that the fire/smoke is having on life safety, environment, nearby residents, traffic flow etc. How will the MFN Government effectively coordinate a multi-agency response?
- Who /how will this coordination be achieved?

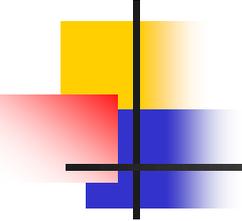




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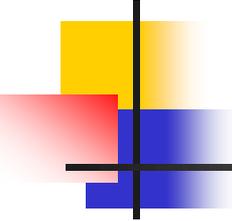
- What resources/MFN Gov't Dept's are needed for response?
- Will the EOC be activated to coordinate and organize all resources? (The General Manager is out of province on holiday's, who is alternate?).
- What is the process of contact EOC member's and set up EOC?
- How will the EOC communicate with Fire Chief/RCMP?



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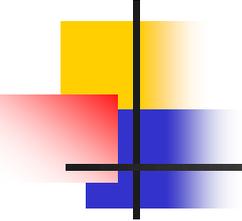
- For the past half hour information pertaining to the fire has been reported on social media. Much of the information is exaggerated resulting in many individuals arriving at the scene frantic. Wondering should they evacuate the community.
- CBC and NTV news have contacted the Chief and requested information. They said that their reporters were in route to the community.
- The road has been closed except for emergencies and many residents are concerned.



# Discussion Points

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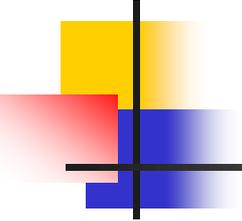
- Who will update Chief, community residents, deal with social media issues, ?
- What is the process dealing with media inquiries?
- Who/how will road closure concerns be addressed?
- If residents have to be evacuated, who will develop and oversee plan for this?



# Scenario (Con't)

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- It is now 1200 noon and the Fire Chief advises that the fire remains out of control. Nearby community fire dept's have responded.
- The temperature is 25C and the winds remain southeasterly at 20km per hour.
- The Firefighters/RCMP/EMR's have now been at the scene for two hours and it is expected they will remain there for several more hours.

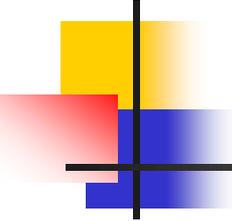


# Discussion Points

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- What support, if any, should the EOC provide to the First Responder's? Who leads this initiative? How is it coordinated?
- What, if any, discussions should be taking place regarding the evacuation of community residents?
- What is process of evacuation:
  - What residents would need to be evacuated first?
  - What about pets?

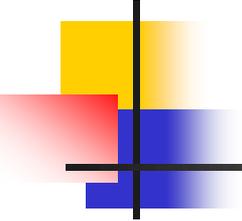




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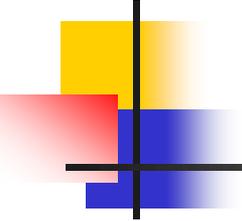
- How are residents notified of potential need to evacuate? What if they refuse to go?
- Where are the evacuation centres? Who tracks where residents relocate?
- What other discussions should the EOC be engaged in at this time?
- Involvement of Red Cross? Central Health? Local municipalities? What about NL Power, Phone Companies?



## Scenario (Con't)

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- At 1500 hours the EOC has been notified that the fire has been brought under control and that Fire fighters/RCMP/EMRs remain at scene.
- Environment Canada advises that winds will remain at southeasterly and will demise overnight. Smoke is no longer an issue.
- Nearby resident's who were evacuated will be allowed to return home around 1800hours.
- Road has been reopened. RCMP still on site.
- Media is still in community, leaving within the hour.

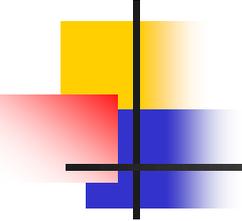


# Discussion Points (Con't)

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Recovery is a key component of Disaster Emergency Management.

- What are some of the priority recovery efforts that should take place pertaining to this exercise? Who would lead these efforts?
- Would the EOC remain active during the recovery stage? If so, would it be fully operational, or continue on an ad hoc basis?
- After a disaster, would a debriefing be scheduled? Who would be invited to participate?

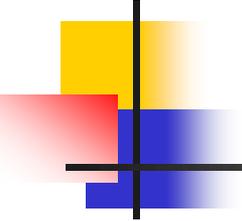


# Exercise Conclusion

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- Emergency Planning is a continuous process and is an investment that often is not realized until an incident happens.
- Departments/agencies must work together to share skill sets.
- There is only one thing more difficult than planning for an emergency – and that is having to explain why you didn't.



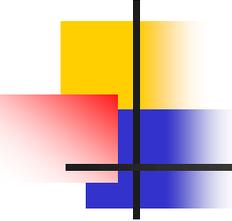


# Questions????

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- Are there any other issues that you have identified that should be addressed?

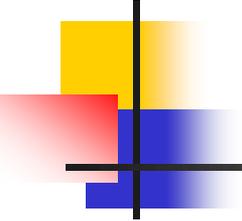




# Exercise Debriefing

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- Rules:
  - Be nice
  - Don't throw pens or sharp objects
  - Be open and honest
  - Be brief



Thank – You!!

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