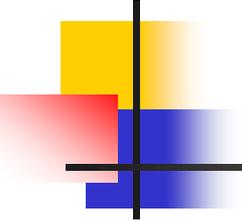




# Natural Resources Department Forestry Warden's

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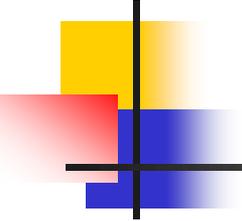
Tabletop Exercise  
"Operation Bear Attack"  
November 29, 2017



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# Why Choose a Tabletop Exercise?

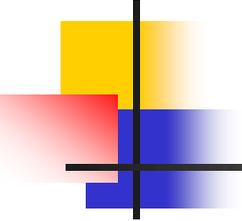
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- The focus of a tabletop exercise is to familiarize individuals with key roles, procedures and responsibilities.
- They are based on facilitated discussion and provide an opportunity for players to analyze emergency plans, policies, and coordination issues.
- Enable managers/staff to review/ confirm methods for dealing with response processes.

# Characteristics of a Tabletop Exercise

- Discussion-based.
- Facilitated group analysis of a situation.
- Conducted in an informal, low-stress environment.
- Designed for the examination of plans or policies, combined with problem solving.
- Usually deal with “what if” scenarios.
- Delivered within a structured framework.

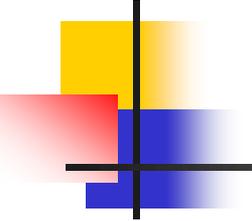




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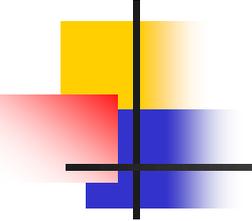
- Please turn off cell phones or set to vibrate.
- Everyone participates.
- No wrong answers.
- Everyone's opinion counts.
- Use existing policy/procedures as outlined in your emergency plans.
- Relax and Learn.



# Purpose

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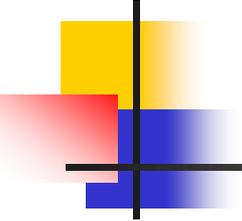
- To assist each player to understand their role in an emergency as well as the roles of other players and how each must work together.
- To examine the ability of the community's emergency response partners to assist in responding to an accident/emergency situation involving Natural Resources employees.
- To better enable the Natural Resources Department to prepare for and manage an emergency event.



# Objectives

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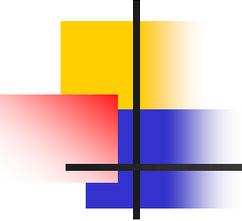
- To examine the level of knowledge each player has regarding their own resources and the resources/expertise of other players.
- To identify /confirm roles and responsibilities related to emergency response.
- To assess the ability of Natural Resources employees to work together and with emergency responders in an accident/emergency situation.
- Identify gaps/overlaps that may exist in an emergency response.



# Scope

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- This exercise will not only assist the Natural Resources Department to better prepare for and manage an emergency situation at a remote site but will also enhance the coordination of emergency response activities essential to a successful outcome should ever such a situation arise.
- The function of this exercise is to identify resources/expertise within the community of Conne River to respond to an out of community site where medical treatment and evacuation is required.

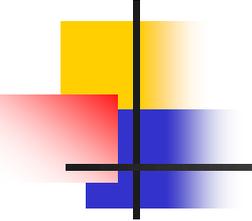


# Scenario

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- On August 5, 2018, at approximately 3:00pm, Pat Quann and Robert Benoit received a phone call stating that someone was seen pouching salmon on the Conne River Brook.
- As they were walking on the main trail that leads to the salmon river Robert startled a large black bear who was with her 3 cubs.

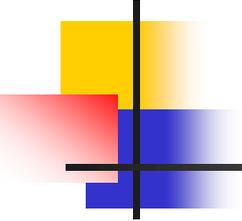




## Scenario (Con't)

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- As soon as Robert began shouting out to Pat that there was a bear close by the bear began to attack and maul Robert.
- Although Pat was successful in managing to drive the bear away from Robert, by using his bear banger, it was not before the bear caused serious injuries to Robert's body.
- The injuries included: very deep claw and bite marks to Roberts face, neck, arms, and upper touse. There was also a great loss of blood.



# Scenario (Con't)

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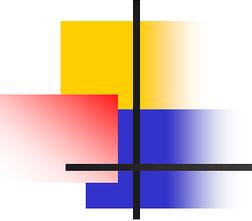
- Recognizing the serious injuries that Robert endured from the bear attack, Pat started to yell out for help. He soon realized that no one would be in the area to hear him since the salmon river was closed.
- Pat also tried to call the police, volunteer fire department and EMR's for help, however he did not have any cell phone signal.



# Discussion Points

- What precautions, if any, were taken/are required to be taken, prior to leaving to work at a remote location?
- What, if any, equipment/tools etc. would a warden have on hand to assist in dealing with an incident where someone sustains serious injuries?



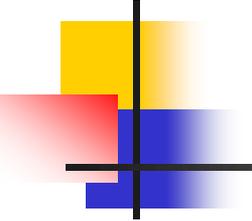


# Discussion Points (Con't)

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Pat is unable to get cell phone coverage, and he is very concerned about his ability to treat Robert's injuries and stop the blood loss from his wounds.

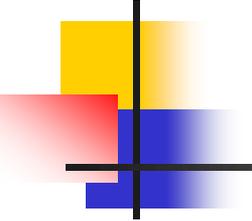
- What factors might Pat consider if he decides to leave Robert to try and get cell phone coverage so he can call for help?
- What measures can Pat take to try and make Robert comfortable and reduce risk should he decide to leave and try and get cell service/ help?



## Discussion Points (Con't)

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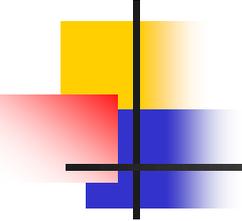
- Would the General Manager or other MFN Government employees be notified of the incident?
- If Pat decides to go to higher ground and try and get cell service what would he report?
- How would a response be coordinated? Who would lead the response? Who would be involved in the response?
- Would Pat and Robert's family's be notified of the incident and activated response? Who would contact them?



# Discussion Points (Con't)

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- Who, if anyone, (for example: medical services) could potentially be put on stand by to assist once Robert is transported back to the community?
- Would there be a requirement to set up a MFN Government Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to coordinate this event?
- Would CRHSS set up there EOC to coordinate the event? Given there medical and psychosocial response?

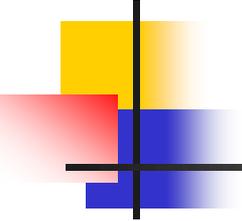


# Bear Attack Video

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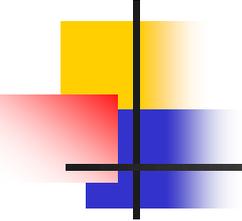


# Discussion Points (Con't)

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- What, if any, follow-up would be done with Natural Resources Warden's after Robert is transported to hospital?
- Who would initiate and carry out this follow-up?
- Is there a process developed to debrief employees after an accident/emergency event?
- Who would lead this debriefing?



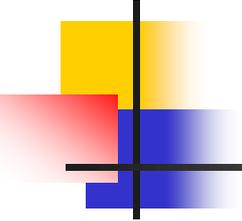


# Exercise Conclusion

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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.



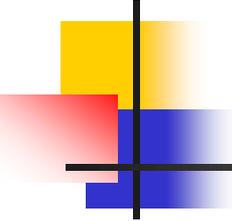


# Questions???

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

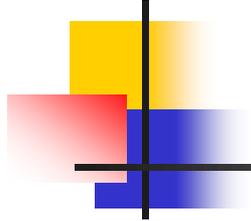




# Exercise Debriefing

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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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