

Fire Service Task Force - Public Safety Subcabinet

Task	Purpose	Lead	Fiscal	Policy	Updates April
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Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

State-wide agreement	Opt-out agreement in code enabling rapid mutual-aid for all political sub-divisions	NDDDES	na	New bill	Drafted
Local Mutual Aid Reimbursement Program	Discretionary Exec Branch program to reimburse locals for heavy local-to-local mutual aid	NDDDES	~200K from DRF / biennium	Department level policies	Funding ID'ed. No other updates.
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System	A coordinated system that allows rapid mutual aid assistance and response growth for locals	NDDDES?	~50K technology	Department level policies	MABAS / MARS workshop held 4/14. Package up and gather feedback from field

Surge Capacity

Clarifying NDFS authorities	Provide positive authority for NDFS to proactively coordinate fire response. No additional authorities outside what we are currently asking of NDFS.	NDFS	na	Century Code 18-02 Forest Fire Wardens	Working on drafting in the next couple of weeks.
Clean up red flag / fire danger	Correctly assigns responsibility for fire danger rating, used in local declarations	NDDDES	na	Admin Code 33.1	No updates First prestage 10-day deployment, staged out of Armory in Dickinson. Well-received. One request to the Mandaree area.
Prestage NDNG	Generate low-cost capacity by activating wildland certified guardsman with NDFS	OTAG - DOM OPS	Existing NDDDES approp	Fix NDDDES approps bill	
Wildland taskforce fund	Dedicated funding to support activation of Wildland Fire Task Force	NDFS	\$100K, from DRF	Adjust annex	No updates
Training up fire supervisors	Multi-year training to establish cadre of qualified leaders for fire response, allowing greater surge with NDNG	NDFS	\$150K, NDFS direct approp	na	No updates. Testing with the prestage mission
Training Incident Command Support Teams	Training to create regional incident command support teams to help local fire depts	NDDDES	\$150K, NDDDES direct approp	na	No updates. Internal research
Contracted Aviation Firefighting	Proactive use of annual call when needed contracts to secure aviation assets beyond the NDNG	NDFS	DRF	na	Currently exploring options, but most cost effective option is leveraging contract with partner state. Will draft out what it is and how requests / cost shares work

Minimum Training

<p>Establish a minimum training standard</p>	<p>Increase response capacity through training. Influenced by either statute (stick) or funding eligibility (carrot) Would require multi-year rollout with Training Advisory Council.</p>	<p>NDFCA</p>	<p>~\$450K per biennium general funds to NDFCA</p>	<p>Workshop on 3/30. Have a survey drafted and to be sent this week on what training is everyone doing today. Jon got back information from SD. Setting roadmap with benchmarks. June fire convention will continue conversations then. Reconvene conversation in July with data back from survey.</p>	
<p>Shared updated record management system of capabilities and resources</p>	<p>Multi-agency system to track personnel, credentials, equipment, capabilities, and training certifications, with the ability to schedule training.</p>	<p>NDDDES + NDIT</p>	<p>~200K initial, 60K ongoing</p>	<p>Department Policies</p>	<p>Editing RFP based on requirements from NDDDES, NDFCA, Fire Marshal, and NDFS</p>