

### Medical Incident Report (8-line) – exercise

You will perform as you train. Field experience demonstrates that if you never work through an “8-line” until you are actually dealing with an injury, it’s unlikely to pan out well.

The objective of this exercise: given the Medical Incident Report in the IRPG and a scenario, deliver a simulated incident report to a dispatcher.

Scenario:

It’s May 7<sup>th</sup> in Minnesota. Weather forecast: 78 degrees, 26% Rh, SW wind at 8-10 mph; FFMC is 89, DMC is 25, DC is 240, BUI is 34, FWI is 13.

At 1100 you respond with two Type-6 engines (three firefighters aboard each) to the Blood Lake trailhead parking lot at Bear Claw State Park. A camper reported to Park HQ via cell phone that there was an escaped campfire at a remote, walk-in site. Yourself and the five other personnel gear-up with bladder bags and handtools and hike a half-mile into what you dub the “Unhappy Camper Fire.” By 1300 the quarter-acre fire is in the cold-trailing stage, and while checking for hot spots one of your people is struck in the head and shoulder by a falling tree limb. They sink to their knees, groaning. Their helmet was knocked off and they suffered a small laceration on the right cheek. They complain of shoulder pain and cannot fully lift their right arm. Another firefighter hefts the limb and says “it weighs about fifteen pounds.” The injured firefighter stands without assistance, but says, “I feel a little dizzy.” A couple of your people have the basic NFES personal first aid kits in their line gear.

Task:

Turn to pages 118 and 119 in the IRPG, and working in groups, create a plan to handle a medical emergency and prepare a Medical Incident Report (8-line). Be ready to “transmit” your information and your plan via radio to a dispatcher.