



# Michigan Department of Natural Resources

## Upper Peninsula Morning Fire Briefing

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### FIRE ACTIVITY

[Wildland Fire Application](#)

[Fire Dashboard](#)

No fires reported to ICC yesterday.

### FIRE DANGER AND STAFFING

Low Fire danger is once again forecasted throughout the UP, staff according to policy. Today is the final Morning Briefing of the season unless conditions change.

### FIRE PLANNING DISCUSSION

No fire weather concerns are expected this weekend as high pressure holds overhead. Dry weather continues into next week and southerly winds mainly will remain less than 15 mph. Highs will be in the upper 40s to mid 50s today and 50s on Sunday with minimum RH values in the 50s. Tonight's lows are expected in the upper 20s to upper 30s, coldest interior central with a full RH recovery.

### AERIAL DETECTION

No detection flights are scheduled today.

### BURN PERMITS

[DNR Burn Permit Website](#)

Permits can be issued per policy and local conditions

### PRESCRIBED BURNS

No burns are planned today.

### ICC STAFFING

ICC will not be staffed today, Duty Officer is available by 800 MHz radio or cell phone

### SAFETY

Below is a write up from the Gwinn Unit following an incident where some UXOs were found during suppression efforts. I could not upload pictures of the different devices that were found but I'll forward local 50s a few pictures of what ground personnel came across. If anyone has a safety topic, they want to share feel free to reach out. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy winter, take care and stay safe.

During suppression of a fire, unusual objects were found at the scene. It was near a site where people had been recreationally shooting, so there was other debris in the area. At first nobody thought anything of them, but the next day we called Murph to have a qualified fire investigator evaluate them as a potential cause of the fire. Once he saw a picture of the objects, he made sure we got law enforcement involved. The ICC got in touch with law enforcement, and the State Police sent a bomb squad from downstate. We were told to stay back 1,000 feet which meant that we were unable to continue mop-up. They had to scramble people and equipment, so they didn't arrive until the following afternoon. On arrival, they did a quick investigation and determined they were not military ordinance, but they were homemade, 3D-printed improvised explosive devices. We cleared the scene, and they spent the rest of the night gridding for more. The next morning they looked at them in the lab and documented them for their report. They determined that whoever was making them was likely just messing around, but they had made multiple designs of the devices. At least a couple of them were considered live and they were disposed of at the scene of the fire.

This was a good learning experience because now we will be more cautious around things we come across that are out of the ordinary. It's easy to take the attitude that "it's probably nothing", but it's worth taking the time and effort to double check anything like this. There are places in the state where unexploded military ordinance could be found, there could be homemade objects like these or dangerous materials from meth labs that are all worth looking into before proceeding. In the future if anybody finds objects you aren't sure of, you can send pictures to the Duty Officer who can get directly in touch with bomb squad members to quickly determine if it is unsafe or not.

## FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST (from NWS)

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