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Who We Are

First of May Anarchist Alliance

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First of May Anarchist Alliance (M1) is a new organization. Formerly we had constituted ourselves as small proto-organization, the Michigan-Minnesota Anarchist Group (MMG). The MMG formed in 2005 with its members having a much longer history of collaboration, in some instances reaching back to the 1980's through an array of revolutionary anarchist organizing. With the creation of M1 we move from the purely informal to a more public presence and engagement with the broader anarchist and revolutionary movements.

We are active in our communities and workplaces as individuals, as members of M1, trades unions, as well as through formations such as the Industrial Workers of the World and Solidarity & Defense.

We cohere ourselves as a formal and specific revolutionary anarchist organization. We see the need for a multi-layered approach to organizing and therefore re-constitute our affinity group into an anarchist organization that can express our maximal program.

M1 exists as a pole in the ongoing debates, discussions and actions around both anarchist organizing and anarchist involvement in the broader social movements.

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We do not see ourselves as a regional organization. We seek broad trans-national alliances.

Nor do we see ourselves as a necessarily “permanent” grouping. Given needs and demands of the movement, we will reconceptualize and remake our organization(s). We aim for a fluid organization capable of responding to given circumstances while maintaining a committed membership based on core anarchist and revolutionary perspectives. In short, we are open to the possibilities that all we create today may and will have to be transformed tomorrow – there is nothing static in the realm of struggle.

The M1 colors represent our commitment to anarchism, workers’ struggles and an ecological perspective – black, red and green.

For Dignity, Justice and Freedom – Against Capitalism and the State! For Anarchy!