



## FFAST Meeting July 9, 2010

### Attendees:

Larry Sutton – USFS

Michelle Ryerson - BLM

Chad Fisher – NPS

Tony Beitia – BIA

Chris Wilcox – FWS

Seth Grimm – FWS MN FMO

Marie Bates – BLM

Rod Bloms/Vince Mazzier – Guests – DOI Office of Wildland Fire Coordination

### **Tony Beitia – SAFENET Card**

- The purpose of developing the SAFENET card is to make it available on incidents and local units for personnel to fill out on site in order for IMTs and local units to receive real time feedback, and have an avenue to provide immediate corrective actions. Additionally it could be used as a trend analysis tool. This process would be an anonymous reporting system and leads toward a reporting culture. Further discussions and action items to pursue are:
  - Introduce the purpose of this form at the Area Commander/Incident Commander meeting.
  - Develop protocols on incidents. It can be a team by team protocol. Get Safety Officer's involvement.
  - Look at making it a 5x8 two sided card
  - Placing cards at popular spots: at incidents - shower unit, food unit, and time unit and at local units – warehouse, locker room.
  - Use the cards with a few teams this summer as a test drive, then if successful convert form to a PMS document.
  - Have incident safety officer or local unit FMO input into the SAFENET system – noting that the information came from the SAFENET field card.

### **Michelle Ryerson – Corrective Actions in SAFENET Database**

- The SAFENET Task Team reengineering effort continues to work on identifying needed changes and enhancements to the SAFENET reporting process and database functionality. One of the immediate short term recommendations discussed is to delete the “Agency Corrective Action” section from the SAFENET form and change the title of the “Supplemental Corrective Actions” to “Agency Corrective Actions”. Chad will follow-up with the SAFENET Task Team and Michelle will work with Al King who can coordinate with Rick Mills, SAFENET database manager, on these requests.

### **Michelle Ryerson – Safety Alerts (Administration and Protocols)**

- The group discussed the functional responsibilities that the FAST must maintain under their organization. Some tasks have historically been managed by FFAST, although sponsored by NWCG, such as SAFENETS and Safety Alert System. The team is currently developing Safety Alert posting and administration internal protocols, and revising the external protocols that are posted on the Risk Management website. To manage various administrative functions within the interagency wildland fire safety program, it is necessary to divide the workload as outlined below:
  - Casey O’Connell will continue to support SAFENET with Marie Bates as her primary back-up.
  - Marie will support Safety Alert System with Deana Parrish as her primary back-up.
  - Marie will continue to be the executive secretary for FFAST.
  - Deana will continue to be the executive secretary for Risk Management Committee (RMC), with Marie as her back-up.

### **Michelle Ryerson – ATV Helmets for Wildland Fire Use**

- An Issue Paper created by BLM-AZ titled “Full face off-road style helmet with a Nomex lining” was sent to the BLM Fire Ops Group (FOG) and Safety and Health Management Team (SHMT). The issue articulated in this report was about how currently there are no manufactures that produce a full face helmet that provides both a Nomex lining and the good field of view of an off-road style helmet. Michelle sent a request to MTDC to review the Issue Paper since they had previously conducted a study and provided recommendations with regards to ATV helmets for fire line duties as Tech Tip 0651-2350-MTDC. The MTDC reviewed the BLM-AZ Issue Paper and provided recommendations. Based on their recommendations, Michelle representing BLM, proposed to the FOG and SHMT the following policy changes, which they all had consensus on:
  - ATV Helmets must meet Snell SA2005 or 2010 certification (drop the additional Nomex liner requirement).
  - A ¾ face model meeting Snell SA2005 or 2010 certification is acceptable for use.

The FFAST members support the change and will check their agency specific policy and get back to Michelle. Once consensus is reached the information will go into the 2011 Red Book.

### **Tony Beitia – Best of Series Modules for Refresher**

- The “Best of Modules” is being developed to have DVDs made from past Fireline Safety Refresher videos to have available on the WFSTAR website so that units with an early fire season can download the modules and develop their Refresher program at any time. The website is just about completed and should be available soon. A Safety Advisory will be distributed once it is completed. This summer/fall will serve as a test to see how this process will work for the field and to gather feedback and troubleshoot problems that might occur. The FFAST reviewed the draft website design and Tony explained some of the features. The group shared some additional ideas for the website to Tony to pass along.

### **Michelle Ryerson - New Addition to Fire Operations Safety**

- John Owens from BLM-NIFC, who currently has been working in the Fuels group as an Education Mitigation Specialist, has been reassigned under the BLM Fire Operations group and will be assisting Michelle in the safety program. Some of the tasks he will work on are will be working on projects with the RMC, SAFENET Program, and System Management Safety trending. His effective date is August 5, 2010.

### **Chad Fisher – Public Health Service Opportunity Update**

- The RMC has been working on a needs analysis to have a physician assigned to NIFC NWCG. This analysis was prompted by recent issues and the lack of expertise areas of infectious diseases, pandemic flu viruses, and emergency medical care. Kris Carter, Idaho Public Health Services Officer, has accepted the task of assessing the needs for this role. There has been good progress analyzing the data collected, and conducting interviews. The last of the interviews are to be completed the week of July 26. Kris will draft up a report and give to Chad to disseminate to the RMC for review.

### **Rod Bloms/Vince Mazzier - DOI Office of Wildland Fire Coordination – ICS-209 Form**

- The DOI Office of Emergency Management is finalizing a process that includes using a new DOI-209 form that requires new reporting requirements for reporting serious emergency incidents as stated in DOI Departmental Manual, Part 900, Chapter 4. This new form is to be used in addition to the original ICS-209 form used in incidents. This generated a lot of discussion with the FFAST. One of the main concerns is how DOI defines the definition of emergency. Other concerns to consider were to ensure a new requirement will not impact the field, continue to have a consistent process in place that is not redundant with existing notification requirements, and incorporate existing notifications to the DOI level. It was decided that the best course of action at this point is to have Michelle and Vince jointly draft up bullet points on this issue for the DOI members of FFAST to review. DOI members of FFAST will brief their Fire Directors on this approach. Once a final draft is complete, the recommendation was made to have Vince and Rod bring up to the DOI level.

### **Next Meeting Date**

September 1, 2010 – location to be announced