



## **FFAST Meeting October 01, 2010**

### Attendees:

Michelle Ryerson – BLM  
Tony Beitia – BIA  
Chris Wilcox – FWS  
Larry Sutton – USFS  
Chad Fisher – NPS  
John Owens – BLM  
Jeff Arnberger – BLM  
Casey O’Connell – BLM  
Mike Haydon - BLM

### **SAFENET Protocols - Group**

- Short term actions are under way and going well.
- Keeping things big picture is the teams current goal.
- Use has followed a bell shaped curve over the years. (1999 – 2010)
- Nearly no one knows that a SAFENET even exists or how to use it.

### **Current Status-**

- Great ideas are out there. The problem is the actual system itself. Not the intent of protocols.
  - There is a need to build something that works from the ground level.
  - There are several types of SAFENETS that come in. The challenge is sorting through them. Possibly assign a number to each?
  - Idea of an auto reply to all SAFENETS was liked by all.
  - All agree that there is a never ending need for sanitization.
  - People do not know they have the ability to provide ideas in the corrective action portion of the form.
- **Issue #1** The SAFENET is not easy to post because the agency rep is not available in a timely fashion to address concern. The Group wants to fix this!

- **Issue #2** (CHAD) the BLM gets submissions first and decides what to post and not post. This is not a level playing field and all agencies know why. Basic core level involvement is lacking. The FFAST team needs to be talking to each other more often. Be available by e-mail or have acting actually able to deal with the situation.
- **Issue #3** To Post or not to Post. It was agreed that everything must be sanitized, but a idea to address this was the assigning of a number and posting a “Content not posted due to...” The group agreed to do so at the affected agency level.

**Action Item:** If there is a pending HR action the SN will not be posted, this can be reflected comments on why the information was not provided in the posting. (CASEY)

**Action Item:** Add some wording (Sean Cross) that explains the use of unprofessional language to demonstrate why things will not be posted. (MICHELLE)  
Posting criteria discussion-

**Action Item:** FLAG Protocol 5 days or 30 days (CASEY)

### **Red Book Additions - Group**

- A chapter by chapter review of concerns that the FFAST should look at were covered and commented on. Medical protocols portion covered. The working that follows policy to the letter is leaving our crews in a bad position. It is accepted they will provide care when possible. The current wording the red book is CYA information only stating that we are not part of the planned response or qualified at any level above first responder in most situations. This was felt to be an injustice to the actual resource at the ground level.
- The FS is keeping the reference to the specific type of shirts, trousers and gloves it requires. No other agency likes this.
- The NPS section in CH 7 added after working group’s deadline covering Incident Emergency Planning. FFAST did not accept. It is covered by current wording in RB.
- ICT3 organization duties table was clarified and agreed on by all. Specific minimum standards were re inserted to this section.
- NPS- Incident management Team Daily Operations section NPS – Not accepted.
- NPS Hazmat section not accepted. Covered in Chapter 7.
- Chapter 13 addition of Recurrence guidance to maintain a position should be reviewed by NPS. Other agencies like it.
- A link was added for standards for light and moderate WCT to be referenced by users.
- Chapter 14

- ATV chapter covered in detail. The goal of combining the wording that is common to all was attempted and reviewed.
- Helmet policy not universal yet so agency specific sections still required.
- One issue the NPS should check is the type of Fire extinguisher needed on your UTV when transporting fuel. All other agencies agreed on and verified policy that a 5 lb type B:C was the minimum standard.
- Chapter 18
- Wording of chapter modified and covered. Concern over investigation types and the philosophy discussed (Facilitated Learning Analysis vs investigation.) The FS/DOI have different guidelines and will agree to disagree on this one for now. The intent and purpose do not match up.

**Action Item:** A write up needs to be developed on medical protocols and sent to IEMS, NWCG and then addressed at the appropriate level. (Ryerson/Sutton)

**Next Meeting Date**

October 15, 2010 – location to be announced.