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Action Item 8

Name: Distribution of Safety Alerts

Issue/Topic: Distribution of Technical, User Alerts and Safety Information

Indicators of Need for Action: A number of technical tips, user alerts, and safety bulletins may come out for specific radio brands and directed at the general user community, but there is currently no established system to get all the information out to the large firefighting user community comprised of federal, state, tribal, and local government agencies and cooperators.

Key Points:

- The National Interagency Incident Communication Division (NIICD) does a good job informing users of NIICD radio systems of technical tips, user alerts, and safety information, but these radios reflect a small percentage of the radios being used in the wildland fire community.
- Many local fire departments and some agencies may not have any methodology to keep informed of changes in technology and updated information regarding their radio systems.

Proposed Action Description: NIICD includes technical tips, user alerts, and safety bulletins on the website (<http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/niicd/documents.html>)

NMAC develop an email notification process for safety alerts that require immediate mitigation

Technical tips, user alerts, and safety alerts posted on the Lessons Learned website and links should be posted to other appropriate sites such as the NIICD site and a wildland firefighter web forum such as They Said site (www.wildlandfire.com).

NWCG, NMAC, and others determine the most effective way to establish this information distribution and notification system and assign implementation.