



FFAST Meeting March 20, 2009

Attendees:

Larry Sutton - USFS
Michelle Ryerson – BLM
Rod Bloms – FWS
Chad Fisher – NPS
Tony Beitia - BIA
Marie Bates – BLM
Tim Stangl – Guest - FWS

Selection of a FFAST Chair

Rod Bloms, FWS has been appointed as the new FFAST Chair.

Interagency Medical Standards Exam Contract

The current contract expires on March 31, 2009. The last day to take an exam through the contract was March 13, 2009. See NWCG #007-2009 memo along with specific agency direction for more details. The instructions on what to do for an exam in the interim along with the exam forms can be found on the IMSP website. The FFAST discussed the steps and processes that will be taking place over the next few months for the selection of a new contractor. There was a conference call held to discuss the availability of assigning the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) duties of the new medical standards contract to a DOI employee in Denver.

Action Item: Rod to draft up a formal proposal with duties and timelines identified for approval of utilizing DOI employee as the COR. The FFAST will review draft and send to NWCG IMSP Council for final decision.

SAFENET Revision

Michelle will be working with Al King, NPS contractor, to implement changes to the form on the website. The cache will no longer be stocking hard copies of the form. We will continue to use what hard copies are left then phase it out.

Job Hazard Assessment/Risk Assessment Database

The FFAST will be looking for someone to update the links, templates and forms in the database. A suggestion was to utilize a detailer in the fall for this project.

Six Minutes for Safety/FFAST FTP Site – Tim Stangl

The Six Minutes for Safety Task Group has been in place for a little under two months. They are moving ahead accomplishing projects including verifying data, and looking at design and format of the website to make more user friendly. The group will bring forward their ideas to the FFAST for approval.

Tim provided a demonstration on how to use the BLM FTP site for FFAST members to use for reviewing and making edits of the *Six Minutes for Safety* materials.

Border Safety Issues – Michelle

MTDC has released a DVD on safety around the borders of Mexico. Information on how to order the DVD will be posted as a link on the WFSTAR website. The FFAST pointed out the key thing to remember when out of area resources are assigned to border units is that they receive a good briefing.

FFAST Action Log

The FFAST Action Log was discussed and updated.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next monthly FFAST meeting will be April 30, 2009 at the Wildland Fire Safety Summit in Phoenix, AZ. The May meeting will be on May 27, 2009 in the Old Admin Building in Workshop #1.