



## **FFAST Meeting August 11, 2009**

### Attendees:

Larry Sutton - USFS  
Rick Struhar – FWS Detailer  
Chad Fisher – NPS  
Tony Beitia – BIA  
Tim Blake - NWCG  
Marie Bates – BLM  
Rick Mills – Guest – Aviation Management Directorate  
Michelle Moore – Guest - BLM  
Kathy Komatz – Guest – NPS  
Jan Peterson – Guest – BLM Idaho State Office Safety Manager

### **Safety Alert System – Rick Mills**

Rick Mills provided the FFAST group a demo on accessing and using this database system. Each FFAST representative will now be able to create and manage their own Safety Warning, Safety Bulletin, and Safety Advisory and send out directly through their channels. There still seems to be a problem with some folks receiving these notices without the Safety and Health Working Team logo on the top of the documents. It is a Lotus Notes problem that is being looked into for a fix.

### **Establish SOPs for Final Approval of 6 Minutes for Safety/This Day in History Lessons – Michelle Moore/Kathy Komatz**

The FFAST discussed utilizing the monthly FFAST meetings to review and approve proposed website changes on the “This Day in History” and “Six Minutes for Safety” websites. Kathy Komatz will be making the changes on the website.

The database that houses 6 Minutes for Safety and This Day in History Lessons is currently housed in Denver. The FFAST will ask that the database be moved over from Denver to the Lessons Learned Center (LLC) website. The LLC can house the documents through the NIFC.gov website and the data will be easier to manage and implement changes. In order for Kathy Komatz to have access to the database to make changes, updates and links, a letter from the FFAST to Denver representatives will need to be generated requesting that the database be released to the LLC and then allow Kathy to have administrative access.

**Action Item: Michelle and Kathy to draft a letter for FFAST review and finalization on getting the database released to the LLC website and allowing Kathy administration access and rights to the website database. Send draft to Chad Fisher to distribute to the FFAST members.**

### **Infectious Disease NMAC Tasking – Short Term and Long Term- Chad Fisher**

The FFAST was tasked by NMAC to come up with a short and long term plan to provide guidelines for preventing and reducing infectious disease outbreaks in fire camps. A proposed draft project scope document was discussed in length addressing interim protocols for wildland fire. The FFAST sees two approaches in dealing with the issue: first, the Interagency Emergency Medical Task Group and others would be asked to assist in developing standard operating procedures for use in preventing and dealing with outbreaks. The second avenue is to implement preventative measures within incidents to reduce the likelihood of infectious outbreaks or their spread. The FFAST was tasked with researching additional information to assist with the implementation of the project. The FFAST recognizes this issue as a NWCG issue and not just a federal issue. Therefore, the project proposal includes shifting responsibility to the Safety and Health Working Team and including the Incident Emergency Medical Task Group.

**Action Item: Chad to organize and lead a group of Subject Matter Experts on a visit to a fire camp looking for preventative and containment measures. Larry to coordinate with the Incident Emergency Medical Task Group in developing standard operating procedures for Incident Management Teams.**

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

To be announced.