



Near-Miss Sustainability Task Force Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2013



Task Force Members Present:

Chief Keith Bryant, Chair and IAFC 1st Vice President
Ms. Linda Connell, Director, NASA
Chief Billy Goldfeder, International Director of Safety, Health and Survival Section
Chief Jack Taylor, Missouri Valley Division, Emporia Fire Department, Kansas
Chief Matt Tobia, Chair of Safety, Health and Survival Section
Chief Tim Wall, Chair VCOS, Fire Chief, North Farms Volunteer Fire Department, Connecticut
Mr. Mike Wieder, Executive Director, International Fire Service Training Association, Stillwater, Oklahoma
Chief Jim Wilson, VCOS Vice Chair

IAFC Staff Present:

Mr. Tommy Hicks, Assistant Executive Director/Director of National Programs, IAFC
Ms. Laura Bell, Near-Miss Program Manager, IAFC

Task Force Members Not Present:

Chief John Schuldt, Great Lakes Board representative from Carpentersville Fire Department, Illinois
Battalion Chief Rob Clemons, Prince William Co., VA. Department of Fire & Rescue
Chief Charles Jolley, Southeastern Division, Pelham-Batesville Fire Department, Greer, South Carolina
Chief Nate Trauernicht, Cal Chiefs/Western

Meeting purpose: To provide a status update on Near-Miss activities.

Agenda:

- Welcome – Chief Keith Bryant
- Administrative updates – Laura Bell
- Project updates – Tommy Hicks
- Discussion – Group
- Close – Chief Keith Bryant

Meeting Minutes:

Administrative updates (Laura Bell)

- Held a meeting with the Near Miss reviewers at the IAFC on October 21. During this meeting the sustainability strategy was discussed, reviewers provided upgrades and feedback to the new website, the revised questionnaire (which included Data Working Group recommendations), and

brainstormed outreach ideas. The meeting was a success and reviewers felt it was very important to convene as a group in a face-to-face setting to accomplish all it did.

- Continuing work on the new, responsive website. Still on track for January 1 “go live.”
- Conducting outreach activities: sent a letter announcing the Near Miss re-launch to all current Near Miss supporters and a number of potential supporter organizations. Reached out to IAFC sections and division to announce re-launch and seek their support in “getting the word” in January.

Project updates (Tommy Hicks)

- Continued positive traction in establishing partnerships to expand Near Miss to other disciplines – namely to Law Enforcement and the DOT community. Several meetings have been conducted with the Police Foundation as well as with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).
- The partnership with AlphaTRAC to create the additional training components is also bringing in value. AlphaTRAC had done work with DARPA and DoD which may also open up opportunities to do work with TSWG in the future.

Group Discussion

- Will there be a charge associated with Near Miss?
 - In the future, the idea of creating a “custom” Near Miss program for individual departments might require business rules and fees but there is absolutely no intention to charge for any Near Miss core products.
 - Determining how individual departments would plug into the national framework would need to be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Responsibility to contact all divisions/sections that donated funds to help keep Near Miss running and provide a breakdown as to how funds were spent.
 - Will present breakdown to IAFC Board on January 21 meeting and then communicate to Division and Sections.
- For the purposes of long-term sustainability, Near Miss will indeed plug into a “Public Safety Near Miss” framework.
 - A task force and reviewers group would be established for law enforcement and for transportation. Further down the line, we could revise the governance model to consider a joint model inclusive of all disciplines.
- After this grant cycle, who will be the point person for the Near Miss program?
 - Laura will maintain program management position for Near Miss after grant term finishes

Action Items:

None recorded.