

NORTHEAST ARFF



**TRAINING OFFICERS
CONSORTIUM**

COLLABORATING FOR HIGH IMPACT TRAINING



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Agenda



- The Need
- Getting Started
- Growth
- Team Approach
- Current Status
- Recommendations

The Idea/Need



- Regional ideas were not being shared/tested
- Frustration with yearly FAA Inspection and little help or prior information
- No Regional Alliances – everyone doing their own thing
- Other than ARFFWG or possibly Fire Academies no help available

Getting Started – 1st Meeting



- 5 Airports, 1 ARFF Specialist
- Discussions-
 - Is this a viable idea and where do we want to go with this?
 - How do we want to proceed?
 - Rules: no soliciting, no vendors, no fire academies, no “for profit” instructors
 - Meet once a month for no longer than 2 hours at different locations each time

Getting Started – 2nd Meeting



- Decision to keep the group small, but keep an open dialog, share any and all information with anyone who needs or requests it - in or out of the Consortium
- Appointed Chairman, Vice Chair and Secretary
- Assigned one training subject per month
 - First: HRET
 - Second: Training Records Management
 - Third: FAA annual Inspection

Growth



- Met with FAA Washington/Regional Officials to discuss training subjects
- Emailed all state Aeronautics Boards and ARFFWG Membership list
- Wrote introductory article on the Consortium to any/all magazines, websites
- Networked with personal contacts: AAAE, IAFC, FAA, National Fire Academy, ISFSI, Pro Board, IFSAC, US Fire Administration, etc.

Growth (continued)



- Received inquires from around the globe
- Created open email list and Facebook page for information sharing with anyone interested

Team Approach



- Formed committees: Curriculum, Website, Training
 - Every member assigned to a committee and challenged with tasks/projects
- Appointed liaisons
 - FAA, NFPA, ARFFWG, DOD/Military, AAAE/IAFC, State Fire Academies
- Appointed an Advisory Board to help with decision making
- Aligned on decision making
 - Body makes most decisions, everyone kept involved

Meeting with FAA - March 2011



Northeast Airline Rescue and Fire Fighting Training Officers Consortium

Current Status



- Over 25 Airports in the Consortium
- Over 100 on the info sharing email list
- Partnering with – Atlanta Fire Department, South Carolina Fire Academy, Virginia Fire Services, Pilots Association, NFPA, Etc

Recommendations



- Encourage a meeting of Airports/ARFF and Airline expertise in your regions to consider an area Training Consortium
 - Imagine the idea's, training opportunities, professional contacts and networking that can and will be developed
- Keep the interest going:
 - Involve everyone
 - Assign duties, Liaisons, committees, etc.
 - Ensure everyone has a part in its growth and development

Recommendations (continued)



- Make contact with other Consortiums/Groups, share ideas, exchange information, bring ARFF to the forefront of the Fire Service
- Have group representatives meet face-to-face once a year at the annual ARFFWG Conference for information exchange, networking , leadership reports and professional team building

Questions



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