

Aerial Observation Committee  
January 17, 2007

**Minutes**

Meeting commence at 0900

21 people in attendance representing 13 companies

**Safety topic:** recent accident involving Barr Aerial Patrol

**Agenda**

**Old business**

- Subject: Flight following (journey management) – discussion included satellite tracking, radio communication, Flight Following Administration (designated person monitoring system), length of routes, length of airborne time, type of terrain involved, weather involved. Peter Digovich to take existing format and prepare draft document for May meeting.
- Subject: Crew size on patrol aircraft – discussion resulted in decision to acquire incident and accident data from the group, which would in turn give an indication of positive or negative aspects of single or dual crewed aircraft. Mark to email request for company accident statistics to the group
- Subject: Air to air for pipeline patrol operations, 122.75 Darrin Edwards to prepare draft RP for distribution and review by May 2007.
- Subject: Weather minimums for aerial observation aircraft were discussed. The decision was made to not produce an RP for this subject. Issue closed.

**New business**

- Subject: Mark Small briefed group on possible forum with HAI and NBAA. Idea taken to HSAC steering committee. John O'Neill working on acquiring briefing room at NBAA.
- Subject: Peter Digovich requested input from group concerning the possibility of attaching sensing equipment to patrol airplanes. The equipment looks at the pipeline right of way as well as looking forward with sensing radar. Peter to email video of system to the group.
- Subject: Airbags in small airplanes. Tom Buchner to present data at May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1200