

Aerial Observation Committee
May 9, 2007

Minutes

Meeting commence at 0830

24 people in attendance representing 16 companies

Safety topic: recent accident in Virginia involving Alouette helicopter on pipeline patrol

Agenda

Old business

- Subject: Observer training. John Martinez briefed group on initial information. Document to be updated and circulated to group for review.
- 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 presented draft document. More research to be done and updated document to be circulated to group members for review.
- Subject: Crew size on patrol aircraft – Tom Buchner to gather statistics for aerial observation aircraft and create spreadsheet.
- Subject: Air to air for pipeline patrol operations – draft presented and received approval from the group. Formal presentation to HSAC executive committee and body, Sept 2007
- Subject: FSDO Issues – group decided not to pursue because changes to regulations would have been difficult
- Subject: Aerial Observation RP's are now posted to the HSAC website.
<http://www.hsac.org/>

New business

- Subject: NBAA Safety Committee to sponsor one hour presentation by Aerial Observation Committee at conference in September 2007
- Subject: Peter Digovich requested input from group concerning the possibility of attaching sensing equipment to patrol airplanes.
- Subject: Seatbelt airbags in small airplanes. NTSB conducting safety study. Tom Buchner will arrange for presentation by Amsafe at September meeting.
- Subject: Crew size for aerial observation. Document to be drafted for group input.

Meeting adjourned at 1200

