

IQCS CMB Conference Call
7/19/06

On the Call: Sharon AllenBrick, Kevin Conn, Greg Jensen, Blair Young, Cindy Schafer, Guy Colwell, John Noneman, Mark Koontz

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IQCS-ROSS Interface Update:

- Cindy sent the CMB a PowerPoint that covers the highlights of the interface.
- If anyone would like a copy of the design documents contact Cindy.
- Release date for interface is expected in late February, 07.
- Incident Data from ROSS to IQCS
 - o This is an option if we want.
 - o The data would only show what you were dispatched as, not reassignments.
 - o This would be an Access report that would be put on DMS which would limit access to those without DMS accounts.

Decision: CMB decided not to pursue the incident data from ROSS. No real benefit to the end user.

Procedures to Interface with IQCS Established by NFAEB

- NFAEB would like all interface projects to follow the phases identified in the NWCG Guide for Interconnecting Information Technology Systems
- Current proposal for IQCS/CHS interface is through phase I
- From a technical standpoint both IQCS and CHS have come to an agreement.
- From a paperwork standpoint Al Borup has agreed to spearhead the rest of the process, in part to get it done and also to demonstrate that the process is not that time consuming or convoluted.

IQCS Staffing:

- Mark informed the group that the term position Donna is currently in will not be extended or converted.
- Blair, Rick, Greg, Rhonda and Mark met with Mike Wallace to discuss the impacts on the IQCS project if the position Donna is in goes away. Rick, Blair and Mark have agreed to write up a briefing on the short- and long-term impacts to the end users as well as the future workload for the project.
- The Fire Directors are trying to move away from each application having its own staff and making the remaining staff interchangeable.
- Greg made it clear that the BLM IRM shop is not disputing the need for the training position at IQCS. The pressure to cut staff is coming from the interagency planning and budgeting committee.

DOI Law Enforcement and IQCS:

- The DOI issued a memo stating that all Department LE will be entered into IQCS as SEC1 and/or SECM for eventual dispatch through ROSS.
- Looking at ~ 2500-3000 employees that would be added to the system.
- The Fire Directors and Blair explained the potential increase for additional licenses and the associated cost.
- Mike Wallace has written a response to the Department memo explaining that more planning needs to be done to assess the potential impacts on the fire community. Stay tuned!

5109.17 Update in IQCS:

- FS detailers finished their work on 7/14; some minor updates need to be completed but they are things Guy will have to do.
- Donna and Blair did some training with the detailers before they started making updates, very successful process.
- One of the detailers is working on a “How To Guide” for future detailers doing updates to IQCS.
- Changes will be migrated to production in 1-2 weeks.

Hardware Update Summary:

- Performance is up on the new Dell server.
- Web server box has been upgraded.
- Will eventually be moving back to the multi-box configuration, currently everything is running on one server.
- ~5 weeks to complete the rest of the upgrades.
- IQCS project team will be meeting to decide the cost impacts of leaving the additional box at NITC or move it back to NIFC. Contract is for 3 boxes at NITC, if the additional box stays at NITC the contract would need to be updated.

Enhancements to Qual Card Page:

- Guy sent out a document with screenshots of the proposed enhancements.
- Enhancements include:
 - o When the qual card page is first displayed the user will need to click a button to see the actual qualifications. This was done so that the data could be auto-saved when the qual process runs. This will keep the data being displayed on the qual card page in synch with the data in reports.
 - o The “text reason” on the qual card page will be replaced with a “Reason” button. When the user clicks the button it will bring up a separate page that shows everything that is required for that particular position and what that individual is missing. It will also show whether an employee is naturally qualified, and if so, will say to uncheck the Admin Action override.
- The enhancements have been shown to end users with a very supportive response.

Decision: CMB agreed with the enhancements, they will be rolled out at the same time as the 5109 updates.

Annual Review of Accounts:

- The standings are: FS-100%; NPS-100%; BLM-92%; FWS-25% and BIA-18% have reported back to Cindy.
- There are ~1900 user accounts; 30 accounts were deleted as a result of the annual review.

Report Server Issue:

- The report server has been dropping off-line about once a week
- Looks like it is a PeopleSoft issue, a case has been opened with PeopleSoft.

IFPM-IQCS Integration:

- IFPM pages will be rolled out at the same time as the 5109 and qual card changes.
- IFPM-IQCS training module and other supporting documents have been posted on the IQCS website.