



2009 Beacon Manufacturers Workshop
May 8, 2009
09:00 – 17:00
St. Pete Beach, FL

Agenda

- I. Introduction & Opening Remarks** (M. Fitzmaurice, NOAA)
- II. COSPAS-SARSAT System Update**
 - A) U.S. SARSAT agency reports (NOAA / USAF / USCG / NASA)
 - B) Cospas-Sarsat Secretariat (D. St. Pierre, A. Zhitenev, C-S Secretariat)
 - i. Results of Beacon Manufacturer's Survey
 - C) 121.5 Phase-Out Summary (NOAA / USCG)
- III. NOAA 406 MHz Beacon Registration Database** (A. Mathur, S. Baker, NOAA)
 - A) Statistical Analysis and Beacon Population
 - B) Beacon Registration Issues
- IV. Beacon Use**
 - A) Beacon False Alert Rate (CAPT L. Yarbrough, USCG)
 - i. Improving Manufacturing to Reduce Operator Induced False Alerts
- V. Sub-Committee Update**
 - A) RTCM / SC110 (C. Hoffman, RTCM)
 - B) RTCM / SC128 on Alternate Technology (C. Hoffman, RTCM)
- VI. Additional Items**
 - A) Canada Update (Ed Hitchcock, NSS)
 - B) American Coded Beacons Sold in Canada (E. Hitchcock, NSS)
 - C) USCG 406 MHz Beacon Direction Finding (CDR J. Deer, USCG)
 - D) Testing C-S Beacons at Test Center Omega, Ukraine (S. Mikhailov, SEDAM Communications)
 - E) Medium Term Frequency Stability - Temp Regulated Oscillators (F. Kissel, NOAA/CSC)
 - F) Review of Action Items
- VII. Evaluation**
- VIII. Closing Remarks** (Mickey Fitzmaurice, NOAA)