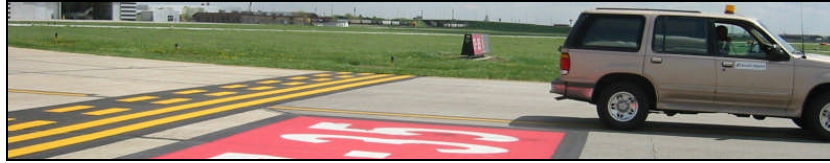


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We are sending this bulletin to Part 139 Airport Managers in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Please distribute to your local ARFF departments.

SUBJECT: New AFFF Training DVD & New ARFF AC

BACKGROUND:

There have been 2 cargo aircraft fires, in 2006 and 2008, where the NTSB concluded that some ARFF personnel are not adequately trained on the use of the High Reach Extendable Turret (HRET), reducing the effectiveness of the device in fighting interior aircraft fires. As a result of these NTSB investigations, the NTSB issued two recommendations to the FAA:

NTSB Recommendation A-07-100

Provide guidance to aircraft rescue and firefighting personnel on the best training methods to obtain and maintain proficiency with the high-reach extendable turret with skin-penetrating nozzle.

NTSB Recommendation A-07-101

Require airport inspectors to ensure that Part 139 airports with cargo operations include cargo aircraft in their aircraft rescue and firefighting aircraft familiarization training programs.

ACTIONS:

Enclosed with is a **new ARFF training DVD** containing 3 training modules on, *Aircraft Forcible Entry, Fire Fighting with the HRET and Cargo Aircraft Fire Fighting*. Please forward this training DVD to the ARFF and include this in their training curriculum.

The FAA has also issued a **new Advisory Circular**, AC 150/5210-23, *ARFF Vehicle and High Reach Extendable Turret (HRET) Operation, Training and Qualifications*. This new AC is available on the FAA Airports web page in the link to Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting at: http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_safety/aircraft_rescue_fire_fighting/.

New England Region airports can request additional copies of the DVD from either, Laurie Jane Dragonas, Lead Airport Certification Inspector, 781.238.7630 laurie.j.dragonas@faa.gov, or Kelly Slusarski, Airport Certification Safety Inspector, 781.238.7632, kelly.slusarski@faa.gov.