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Implementation of IAP Warehouse

Background:
In the past there has been no policy on the distribution of Incident Action Plans (IAP). Incident personnel have shared these documents across a wide range of support personnel as they contain a variety of critical information. The concern is that these plans often contain sensitive information (e.g. radio frequencies) and Personal Identification Information (e.g. Home phone numbers for key personnel).

Recommendation:
In August of 2007 NMAC established policy that IAPs should <u>NOT</u> be available to the public or shared on the Internet. In order to facilitate incident personnel access to this information while still meeting this requirement, a secure set of folders has been established on the NIFC file exchange site: ftp.nifc.gov. Note: IAP maps are not deemed sensitive, and therefore will continue to be posted per standard protocols for fpt.nifc.gov.

This site is currently the primary location for incident management teams, NMAC, and others to share information among agencies and cooperators. Daily fire perimeters, plans, etc are posted using a password, and the files may be read by anyone going to the site.

Sensitive information is also shared via specific password protected folders, with write and read passwords. Before viewing these sensitive files users must enter the read password.

Implementation:
Each GACC is represented on the ftp site. Below is a sample of a few GACCs. Information is stored by incident under each GACC.

For each GACC a new folder, 'GACC Support', will be added with secure read passwords. Here an incident folder is also created, but to house IAP, contract, and other sensitive information.

Support:
For more information on the ftp.nifc.gov site visit http://ftpinfo.nifc.gov , or call the applications helpdesk at 208-387-5293.

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