



Welcome to the first newsletter for the IBA Project! We'll issue IBA Newsletters quarterly or more often as needed. Communication has been a major contributor to the success of I-Suite, and we are committed to keeping users and stakeholders involved in the development and implementation of e-ISuite.

From I-Suite to e-ISuite

The Incident Base Automation Project began in 2003 and involves three phases:

- ▶ Phase 1 – I-Suite Stabilization and Support Project
- ▶ Phase 2 – Incident Base Automation Strategic Planning Project
- ▶ Phase 3 – Incident Base Automation Component Projects.

Phase 1 and 2 are complete; Phase 3 was chartered in June of 2006. The purpose of Phase 3 is to complete an action item from Phase 2 to convert the existing I-Suite application to a web-based application that can be hosted as a stand-alone, on a local area network at an incident, and also on an Enterprise Level.

This new application is known as e-ISuite and will include all existing I-Suite functionality and to-be-determined new functionality.

The Supply Barcode Pilot

Implementation of the Supply Module began in 2006 using the current I-Suite application. Selected IMT's participated in the pilot during the 2009 fire season to test barcoding technology side by side with the manual process used in the Supply Unit. Barcodes were attached to items and scanned to track the items' issuance and return for the duration of the incident. The I-Suite Team is working with San Dimas Technology & Development Center to refine the equipment and connectivity and to develop Barcode media to be used. Further pilot tests are scheduled for the 2010 season.

What's Coming Next

e-ISuite is scheduled for Pilot release in determined areas Spring 2011, so there is much to do in preparation for that date. Implementation documents are being finalized, business requirements are being developed, new application screens are being designed and refined, and many activities are planned to meet the implementation date. Those activities include:

- ▶ Joint Application Development (JAD) meeting for the cost module in June 2010
- ▶ Additional JAD meetings as needed for the other modules throughout 2010
- ▶ Business requirements meetings for all of the modules
- ▶ Involvement of the Business Lead and other interested parties in the development and design of the requirements.

DON'T FORGET!

Version 10.0 of I-Suite will be coming soon!!

New functionality includes:

- ✓ Change from MSDE 2000 to SQL 2005 Express.
- ✓ Separation of Duties enforced.
- ✓ Rules of Behavior acceptance upon login.
- ✓ Updates and fixes to known issues in COST.
- ✓ Updates and fixes to known issues in the Plans functions.
- ✓ Enhancements and fixes to the Supply Module.
- ✓ Changes to Time Adjustment Process.

FEATURED TIP

Read the Release Notes posted to the website for valuable information about changes and new functionality. It may save you a call to the Helpdesk!

FOR UPDATES/CURRENT INFORMATION

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