ICAO Action

ICAO received a similar safety recommendation in 2005 and tasked its Airworthiness Panel (AIRP) to consider the matter. During its deliberations, the Panel concluded, among others, that requiring warning placards in aircraft fitted with BPRS would not increase the safety of response personnel at accident sites, and therefore did not support the recommendation.

Safety Recommendation 2009-007, however, took into account the fact that a member of the public may be a first responder to an accident involving an aircraft fitted with BPRS, and thus merits a further consideration.

Notwithstanding, ICAO believes it would be inappropriate to develop a specific Standard in Annex 8 — *Airworthiness of Aircraft* before the Federal Aviation Administration, the Civil Aviation Authority and the European Aviation Safety Agency take action with respect to Safety Recommendation 2009-008. After which, ICAO would request the AIRP to reconsider the issue and in developing Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) for warning placards, if and where necessary, to indicate the dangers posed to first responders by an aircraft system. Such SARPs may be associated with Notes included in the text, where appropriate, that would give references to harmonized requirements developed by other authorities, particularly in response to Safety Recommendation 2009-008.