



AIR BOSS OVERVIEW

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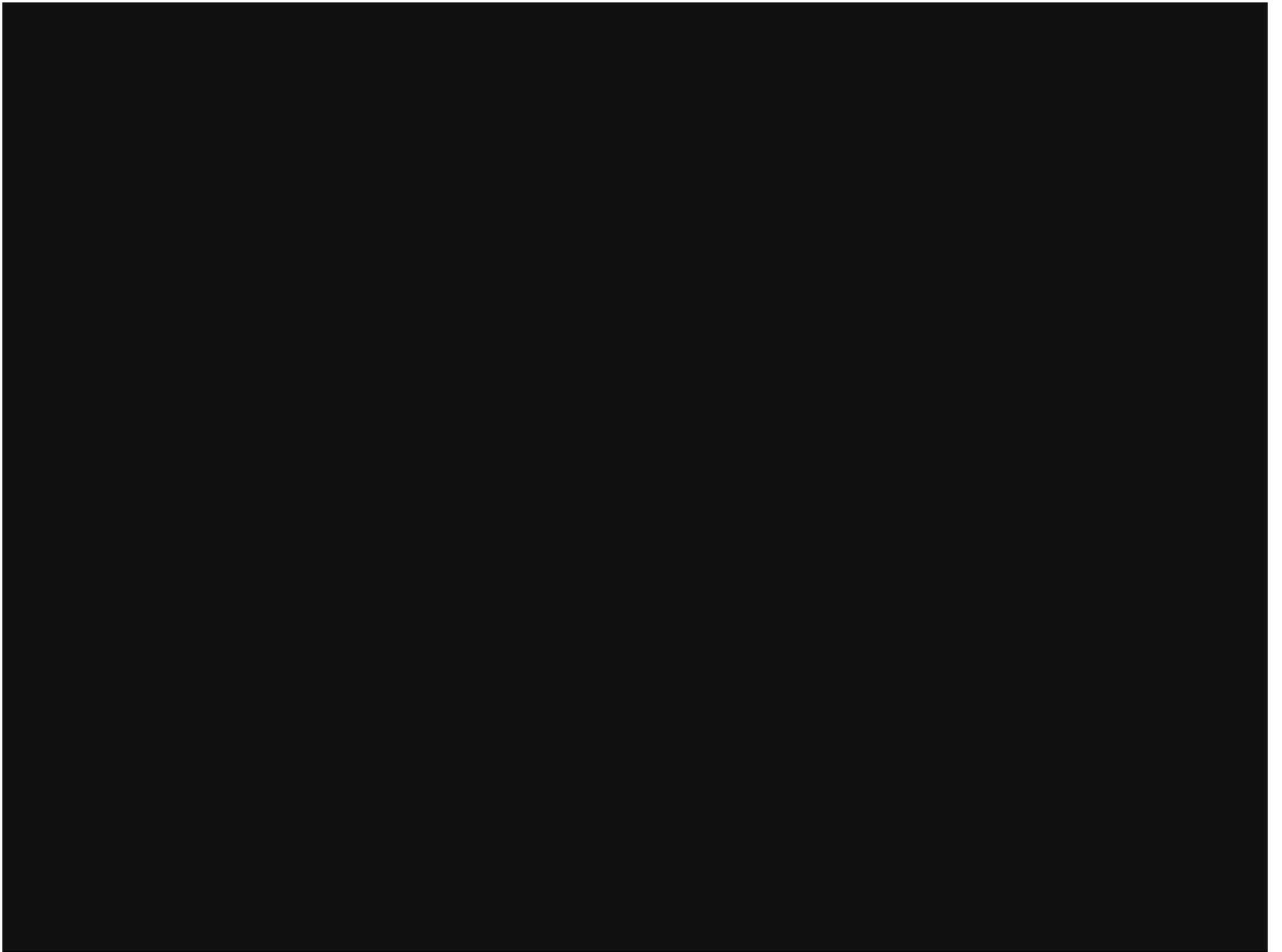
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THE AIR BOSS

Definition From FAA Order 8900.1

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“The Individual who has the primary responsibility for air show operations on the active runways, and the surrounding air show demonstration area”



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- The role of the Air Boss is similar to the role of an Air Traffic Controller except:
 - Air Traffic Controllers are regulated by the FAA.
 - An Air Boss does not provide ATC services.
 - Air shows are non-standard operations and operate within the scope of the waiver and Special Provisions as outlined in FAAH 8900.1.





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- The air boss is responsible for the “**safe**” and efficient “**control**” of the scheduled flying aviation event activities during waived flying times.
- The air boss is responsible for ensuring that all event participants are briefed and operate in accordance with applicable FAA regulations and requirements as stated in FAAH Order 8900.1.





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- Directs the air show aircraft and other activities within the airspace and on the airport as described in the waiver/authorization.
- Has primary responsibility for air show operations on the runway(s)/taxiways and manages the use of the runway(s)/taxiways during the air show aviation event.





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- The air boss is the person who implements the standards set forward by the waiver that the air show will operate under.
- Once the air show begins, the air boss is the controlling entity for the aviation event.
- The key to a successful air boss is preparation, a thorough knowledge of the task at hand and the expertise to be able to handle any/all eventualities.





Questions?