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General Aviation LOC and the NTSB Most Wanted List

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NTSB Mission

The NTSB is an independent US federal agency charged with determining the probable cause(s) of transportation accidents, making recommendations to prevent their recurrence, conducting special studies and investigations, and coordinating resources to assist victims and their families after an accident.

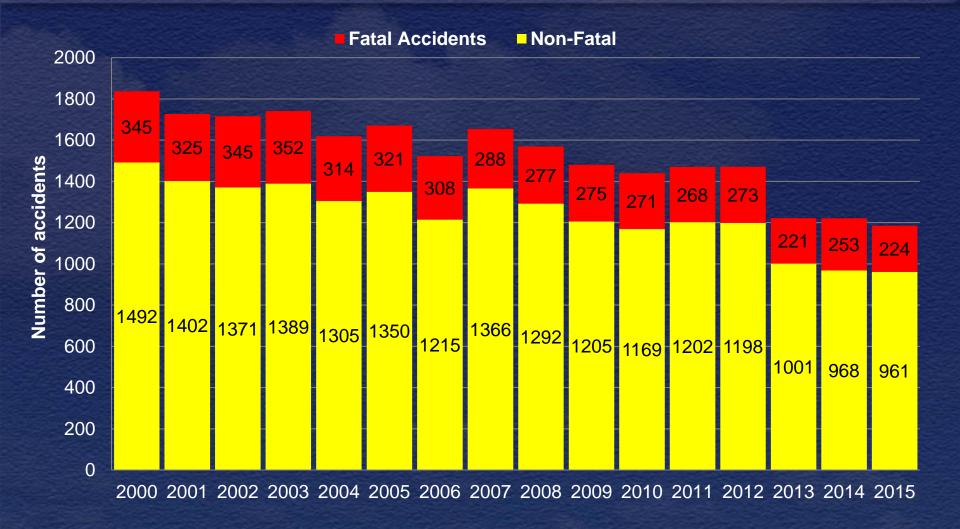


Topics

- General Aviation Accident Trends
- Most Wanted List 2016
 - Distraction
 - Substance Impairment
 - Medical Fitness for Duty
 - Fatigue
 - Occupant Protection
 - Recorders
 - Loss of Control



All GA Accidents





GA Accident-involved Fatalities

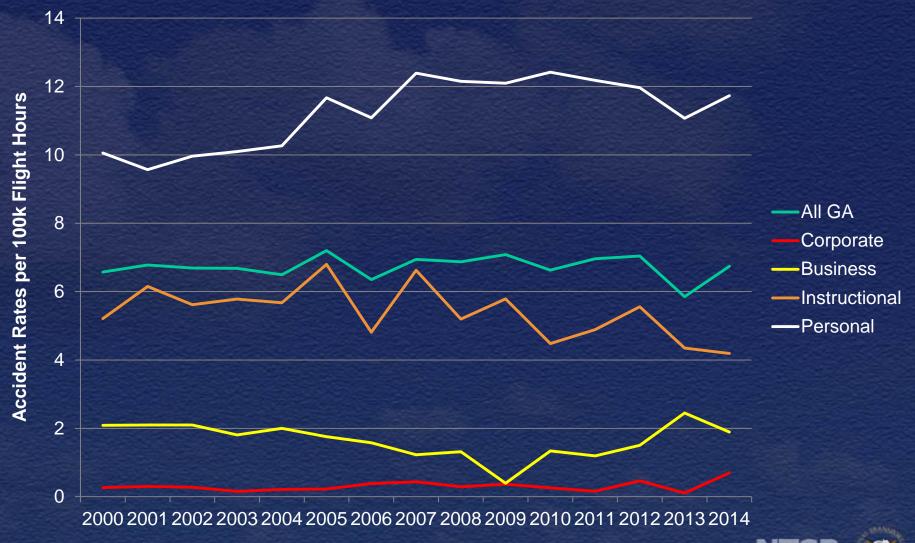


GA Accident Rates

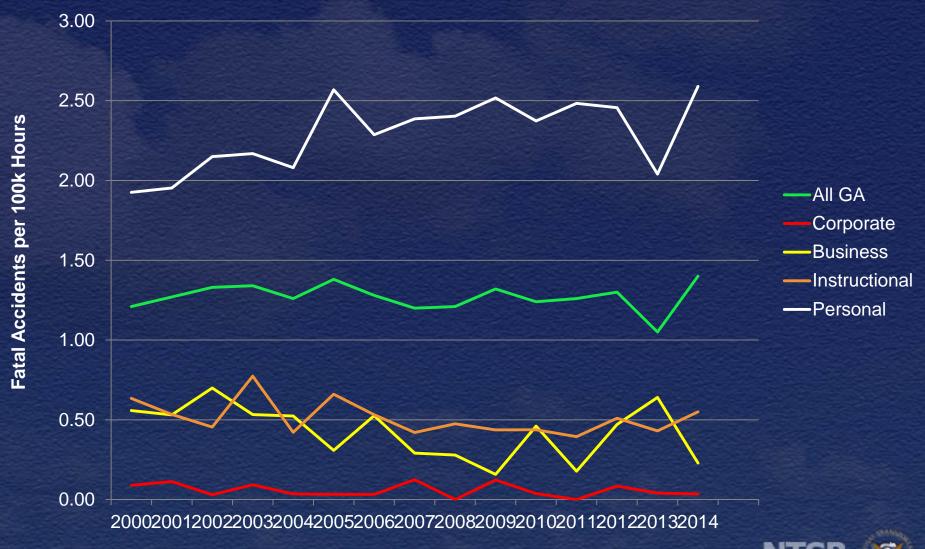




Accident Rates per 100k Flight Hours



Fatal Accident Rates per 100k Flight Hours



*The 2011 GA Survey is currently not available. FAA is actively engaged in re-calibration efforts and expect to have validated 2011 data published at a later date.

Defining Events – Part 91 Ops

Business	Instruction	Personal
 Loss of Control CFIT Fuel Component Fail Powerplant Fail 		2. Powerplant Fail



Why GA on the Most Wanted List?

- NTSB investigates approximately 1500 GA accidents per year over the last decade
- Overall GA accident rate flat
 - Has improved little over the last decade
 - Airline accident rate decreased more than 80%
- Personal flying accident rate
 - Increased 13% over last 10 years
 - Greater than 15% increase in fatals over that period

GA safety needs attention



NTSB 2016 Most Wanted List



- Disconnect from Deadly Distractions
- End Substance Impairment in Transportation
- Expand Use of Recorders to Enhance Transportation Safety
- Improve Rail Transit Safety Oversight
- Prevent Loss of Control in Flight in General Aviation
- Promote Availability of Collision
 Avoidance Technologies in Highway
 Vehicles
- Promote the Completion of Rail Safety
 Initiatives
- Reduce Fatigue-Related Accidents
- Require Medical Fitness for Duty
- Strengthen Occupant Protection



Gray Summit, MO – bus/vehicle/truck crash



Distraction





Distraction





Distraction



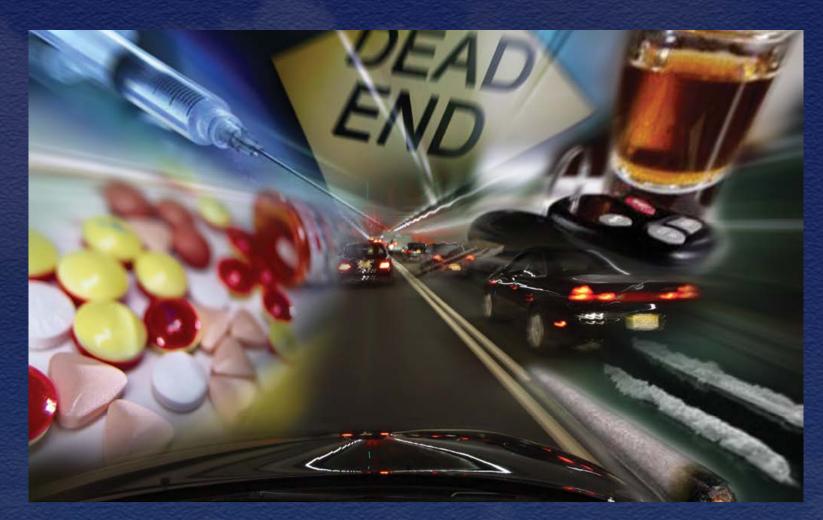


2016 MWL - Distractions

- Disconnect from Deadly Distractions
 - A factor in all modes of transportation
- Aviation emphasis
 - Sterile Cockpit
 - Appropriate use of PEDs
 - Manage distractions



Impairment



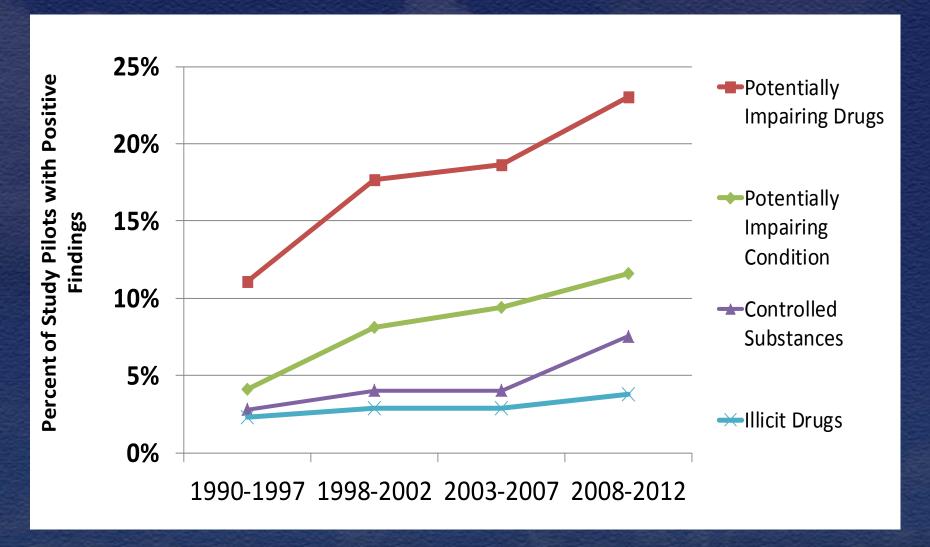


2016 MWL - Impairment

- End Substance Impairment in Transportation
 - A factor in all modes
- Fatally injured pilots potentially impairing drugs
 - -11% average 1990 1997
 - -23% average 2008 2012



Toxicology Findings by Category, 1990-2012



Most Common Drugs

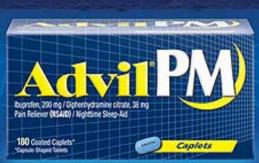
EFFECTIVE ALLERGY RELIEF WHEN YOU NEED IT! ALLERGY

- Sedating antihistamines
 - Most common category
- Diphenhydramine

Clinically proven night time sleep aid

- Most common individual drug
- Most common potentially impairing drug
- Use INCREASING





72 TABLETS

Sleep Tablets











Drug Facts

Active ingredient (in each capsule)

Purpose

Diphenhydramine HCl 25 mg.

. Antihistamine

Uses

- temporarily relieves these symptoms due to hay fever or other upper respiratory allergies:
- runny nose
 sneezing
 itchy, watery eyes
 itching of the nose or throat
- temporarily relieves these symptoms due to the common cold:
 - runny nose
 sneezing

Warnings

Do not use with any other product containing diphenhydramine, even one used on skin

Ask a doctor before use if you have

- a breathing problem such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis
- glaucoma
- trouble urinating due to an enlarged prostate gland

"Typy are taking sedatives or tranquilizers

When using this product

- marked drowsiness may occur avoid alcoholic drinks
- alcohol, sedatives, and tranquilizers may increase drowsiness
- be careful when driving a motor vehicle or operating machinery
- excitability may occur, especially in children

If pregnant or breast-feeding, ask a health professional because.

get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away. Keep on. (1-800-222-1222)

Directions	■ take every 4 to 6 hours	■ do not take more than 6 doses in 24 hours
adults and ch	nildren 12 years and over	1 to 2 capsules
children 6 to	under 12 years	1 capsule
children und	der 6 years	do not use this product in children under 6 years of age

Other information

- store at 59° to 77°F in a dry place. Protect from heat, humidity, and light.
- do not use if carton is open or blister unit is broken see side panel for lot number and expiration date





Medical Resources for Pilots

- General Aviation Joint Steering Committee (GAJSC)
 - 2013 Letter to pilots
 - 2014 Initiatives
 - Drug database
 - Training course



Medical Resources for Pilots

- FAA Publications
 - Medications and Flying
 - Guide for Aviation Medical Examiners
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)
 - Member resources



Medical Fitness for Duty





Fitness for Duty





2016 MWL – Fitness for Duty

- Require Medical Fitness for Duty
 - A factor in all modes
- Airman Medical fitness at exam time
- Pilots must self-assess fitness
 - Need for appropriate flight preparations
- Focus on medical conditions
 - Example Obstructive Sleep Apnea
- Enhance medical knowledge



Fatigue





2016 MWL - Fatigue

- Reduce Fatigue Related Accidents
 - A factor in all modes
 - 182 Major investigations (2001 2012)
 - 20% involved fatigue
 - Need
 - Research, education, training
 - Technologies
 - Hours of service, on/off duty policies
 - Medical treatment of sleep disorders



BE A36 – 2 fatalities/2 survivors





2016 MWL – Occupant Protection

- Strengthen Occupant Protection
 - A factor in all modes
 - Numerous investigations showed potential for reduced injuries & fatalities
 - Need
 - Increased use of existing restraint systems
 - Designs that enhance survival space
 - Enhance ease of evacuation
 - Shoulder harnesses for GA aircraft



Recorders











Recorders

- Expand use of recorders to enhance transportation safety
 - A factor in all modes
 - Critical in accident investigation
 - Install crash resistant image recorders in smaller turbine powered aircraft
 - Install flight recorders in transport category and HEMS aircraft



Loss of Control





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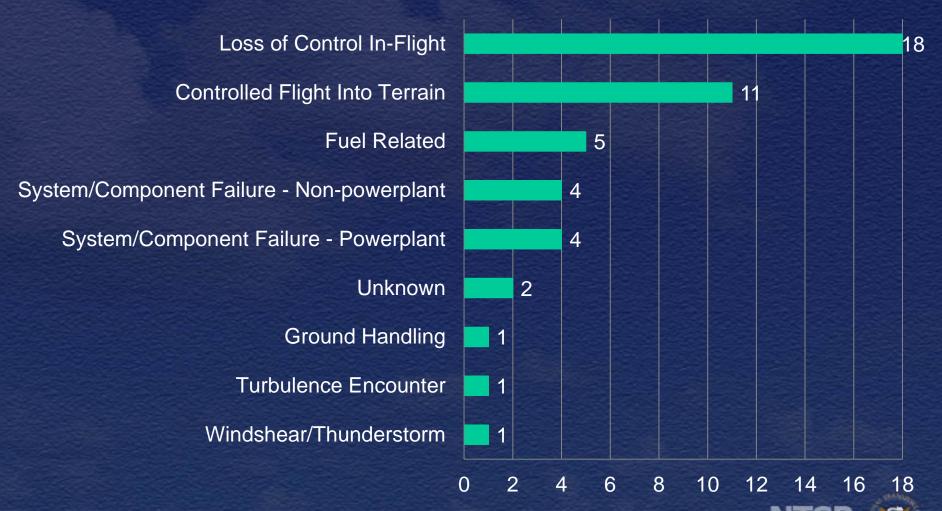
2016 MWL – Loss of Control

- Prevent Loss of Control in Flight in General Aviation
- More than 40% fatal GA accidents were LOC during 2004 – 2014
- Most deadly flight phases
 - Approach to landing
 - Maneuvering
 - Takeoff and Climb



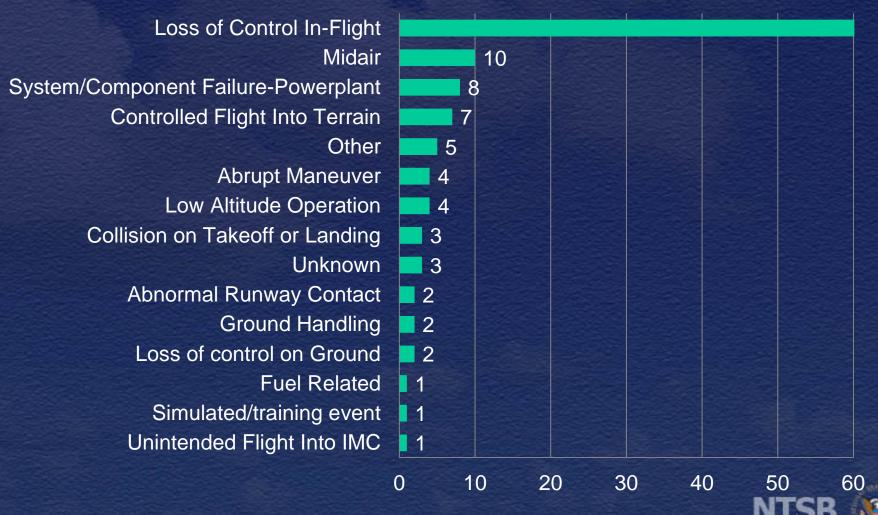
Business Flying, 2008-2014





Instructional Flying, 2008-2014

Number of Fatal Accidents



Personal Flying, 2008-2014

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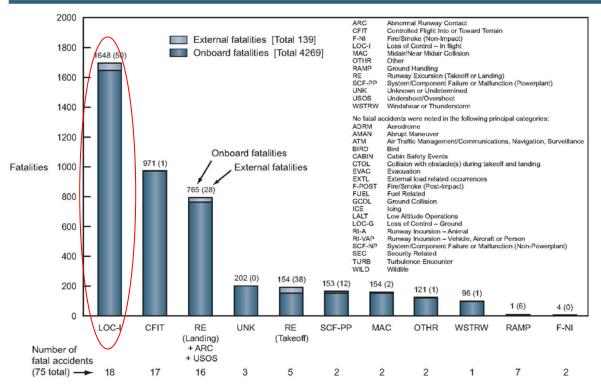
Loss of Control In-Flight, 2008-2014



Boeing Annual Statistical Summery

Fatalities by CAST/ICAO Common Taxonomy Team (CICTT) Aviation Occurrence Categories

Fatal Accidents - Worldwide Commercial Jet Fleet - 2003 Through 2012



Note: Principal categories as assigned by CAST.

For a complete description of CICTT Aviation Occurrence Categories, go to: http://www.intlaviationstandards.org/

22 2012 STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUGUST 2013



Primary category of accidents

Personal flying
Instructional flying
Business flying
Corporate flying
Airline flying

- LOC

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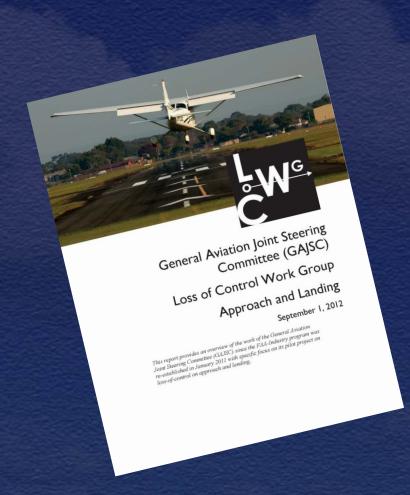
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Loss-of-control Working Group



Safety Enhancements Identified

- AOA New, Current, Retrofit
- Aeronautical Decision Making
- Stabilized Approach
- Single Pilot CRM
- Medication effects
- Weather Technologies
- Etc...

28 Safety Enhancements



Lower Cost AOA Displays

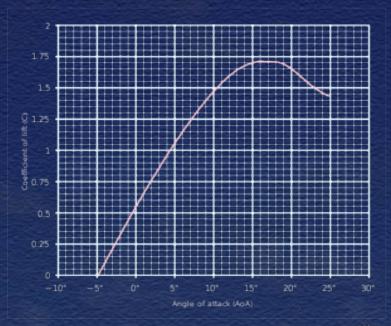
- Stall occurs at a specific Angle-of-Attack
 - But not necessarily at the same airspeed





First of AOA indicators built to ASTM stds and installed as a minor mod

FAA installation policy changed





Stall Recovery

- Reduce the angle-of-attack below stall AOA (Max CL)
 - Push over to eliminate stall warning
- Level wings
- Adjust thrust
 - Avoid overspeed and high G levels
- Pitch back to level flight
- Don't try to "Power out of a stall"



NTSB LOC Forum – Oct 14, 2015

Humans and Hardware: Preventing General Aviation Inflight Loss of Control

- Search "NTSB Loss of Control Forum" and look for Capitol Connection web site.
- Also on YouTube.
- Forum Docket contains 38 documents

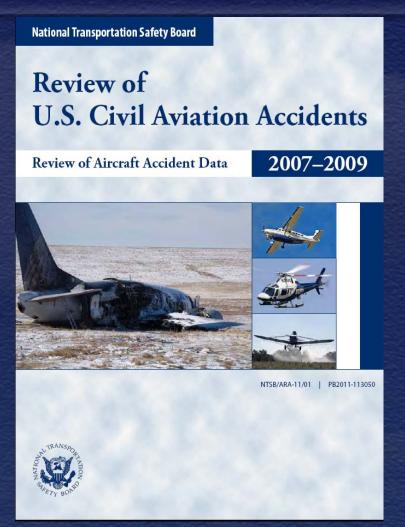


Alfred Sheinwold

"Learn all you can from the mistakes of others. You won't have time to make them all yourself"



Accident Investigations



- NTSB accident files are on-line
- Many recent accident Dockets are on-line
 - Factual reports,
 - Interviews
 - Photographs
- www.ntsb.gov



Douglas Adams

"Human beings, who are almost unique in having ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so."





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Fatal Airport LOC 2008-2014



