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NTSB National Transportation Safety Board

NTSB **Most Wanted List**

Pilot Impairment Risk Safety Seminar **NTSB Training Center** October 15, 2016

NTSB Mission

The NTSB is an independent U.S. Federal agency charged with:

- Determining the probable cause(s) of transportation accidents (aviation, rail, highway, marine & pipeline)
- Making recommendations to prevent their recurrence
- Conducting special studies and investigations
- Coordinating resources to assist victims and their families after an accident



NTSB's Multi-Modal Mandate

- Maintain congressionally mandated independence
- Conduct objective accident investigations and safety studies
- Perform fair & objective airman/mariner certification appeals
- Advocate safety NTSB Most Wanted List, recommendations



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/Truck/Tractor Crash





Distraction





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2016 MWL - Disconnect from Deadly Distractions

A factor in all modes of transportation:

- Motor vehicle emphasis
 - Electronic devices within the vehicle
- Aviation emphasis
 - Sterile Cockpit
 - Appropriate use of PEDs
 - Manage distractions



End Substance Impairment





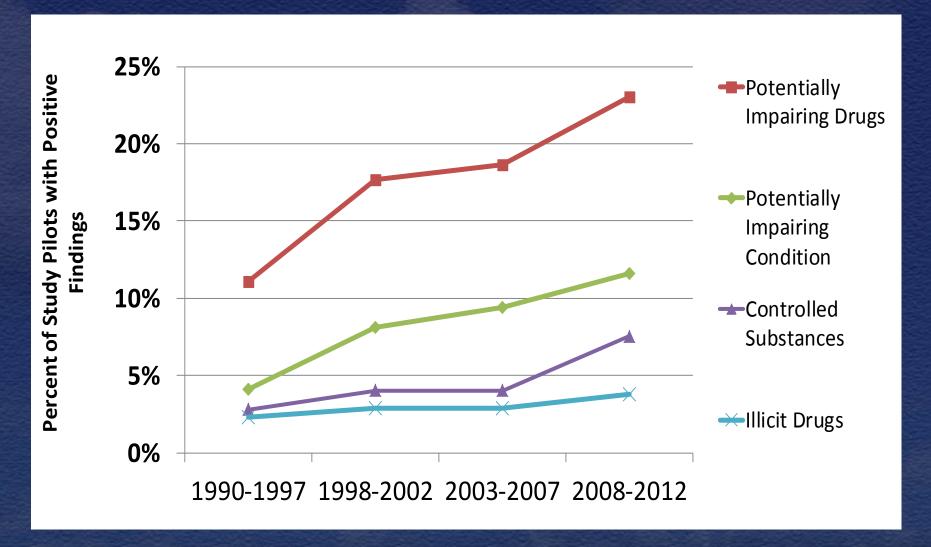
2016 MWL - End Substance Impairment in Transportation

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

Benadryl®

ALLERGY

- Sedating antihistamines
 - Most common category
- Diphenhydramine
 - Most common individual drug
 - Most common potentially impairing drug
 - Use INCREASING

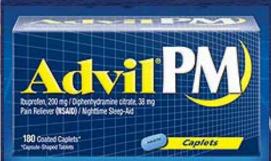














Medical Fitness for Duty





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2016 MWL – Require Medical Fitness for Duty

A factor in all modes:

- Airman Medical fitness at exam point
 - Pilots must self-assess fitness
- Undiagnosed or unreported medical conditions pose threats
 - Obstructive Sleep Apnea
 - Diabetes
 - High Blood Pressure



Fatigue





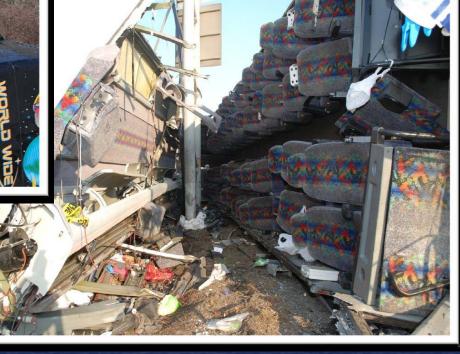




Bronx Bus Crash, March 12, 2011



15 KILLED 17 INJURED





Cranbury, New Jersey, June 7, 2014





- 6 VEHICLES
- 21 PEOPLE
- 5 RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES
- 4 RECEIVED SERIOUS INJURIES
- 1 Person killed



2016 MWL - Reduce Fatigue - Related Accidents

A factor in all modes:

- 182 Major investigations (2001 2012)
 - 20% involved fatigue
- Need
 - Research, education, training
 - Technology development
 - Hours of service, on/off duty policies
 - Medical treatment of sleep disorders



2016 MWL – Strengthen Occupant Protection

A factor in all modes:

- Numerous investigations showed potential for reduced injuries & fatalities
- Need
 - Enhance survival space & ease of evacuation
 - Increased use of existing restraint systems
 - Shoulder harnesses for GA aircraft



Recorders











2016 MWL- Expand use of Recorders

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
 - Install inward & outward video cameras in trucks, busses, & trains
 - Use PED memory when available



2016 MWL – Promote Collison Avoidance Technologies (CAT) in Highway Vehicles

- Addresses human performance issues
 - Impairment
 - Fatigue
 - Medical conditions
 - Distraction
- Introduces new set of issues
 - False alerts
 - Over-dependence



Types of Crash Avoidance Technologies

- Alerts
 - Lane Departure Warning
 - Stationary Object Alert
 - Following Distance Alert
- Interventions
 - Automatic Emergency Braking
 - Active Steering Assist



Lessons Learned from Aviation

Behavior can never fully be controlled

- Training often requires refreshing
- Technology may provide safeguard against human error



Loss of Control





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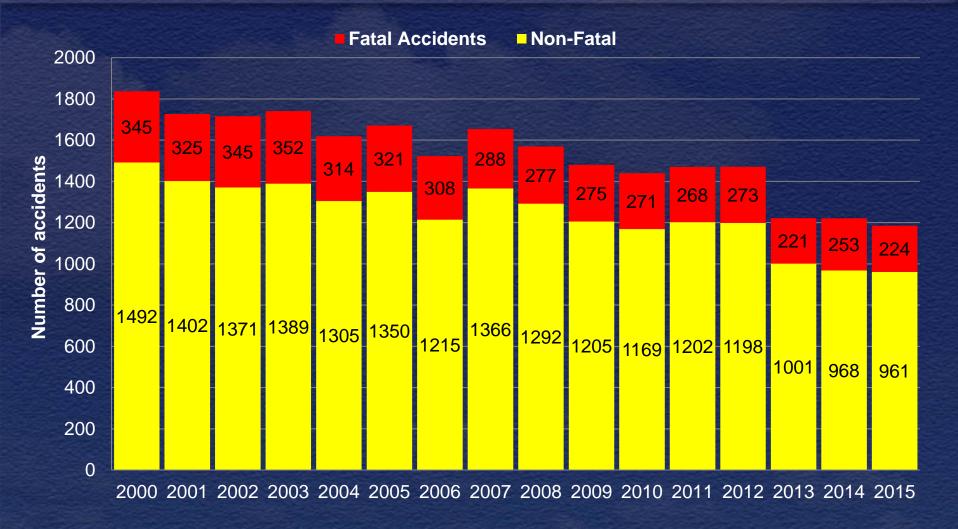
2016 MWL – Prevent Loss of Control in Flight in General Aviation

 More than 40% fatal GA accidents were LOC during 2004 – 2014

- Most deadly flight phases
 - Approach to landing
 - Maneuvering
 - Climb



All GA Accidents





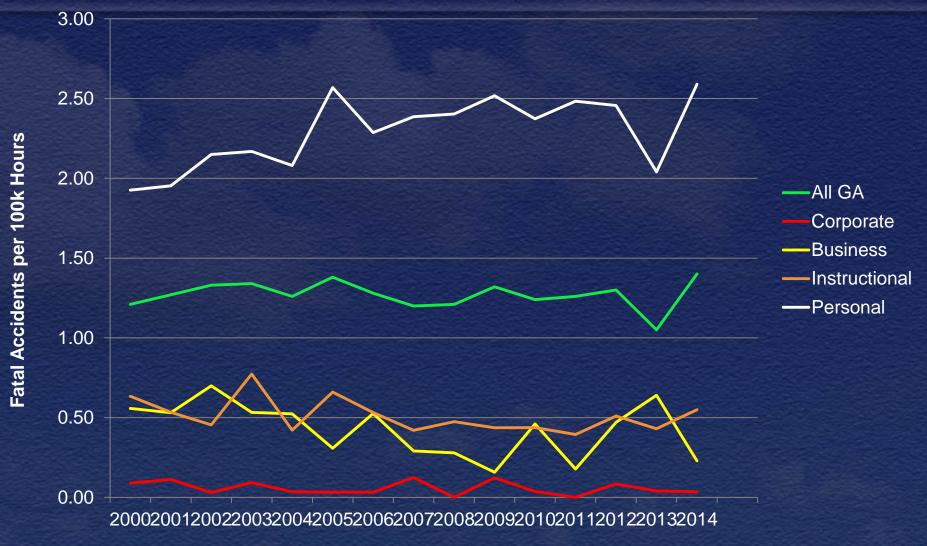
GA Accident Rates

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Fatal Accident Rates per 100k Flight Hours

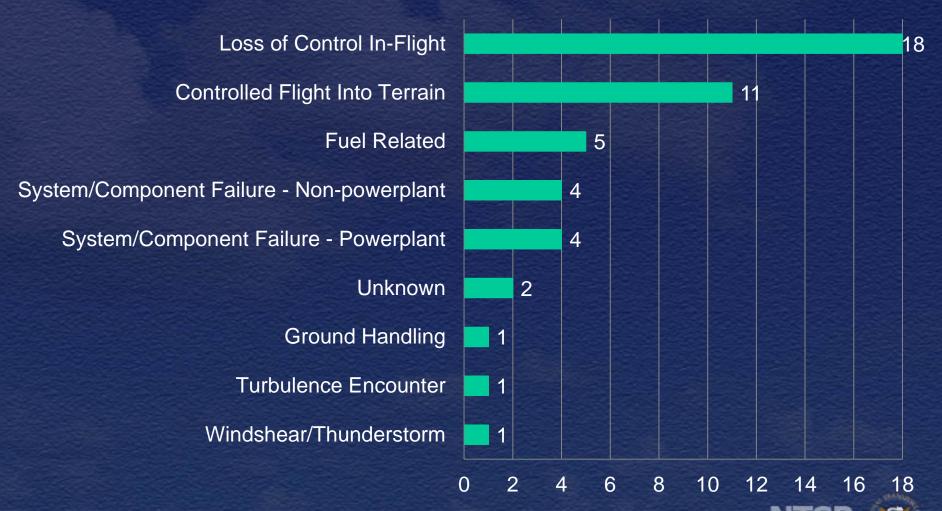


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Business Flying, 2008-2014





Instructional Flying, 2008-2014

Number of Fatal Accidents

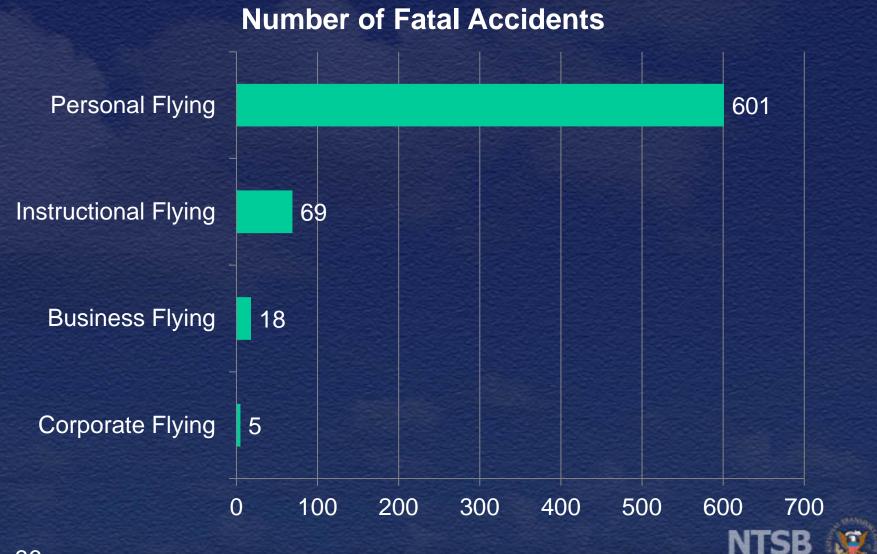


Personal Flying, 2008-2014

Number of Fatal Accidents



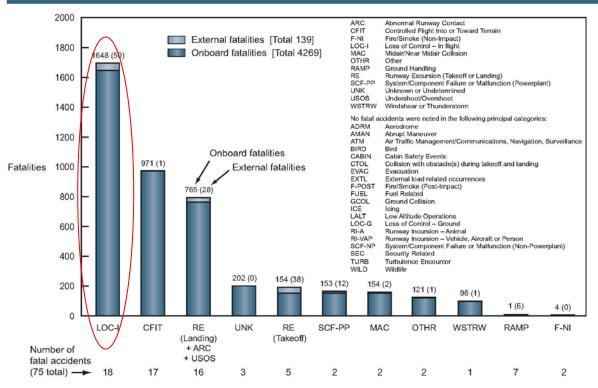
Loss of Control In-Flight, 2008-2014



Boeing Annual Statistical Summery

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

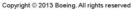
Fatal Accidents - Worldwide Commercial Jet Fleet - 2003 Through 2012



Note: Principal categories as assigned by CAST.

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





GA Joint Steering Committee

Steering Committee

Co-chairs - Steve Gottlieb (FAA/AVP)

Bruce Landsberg (AOPA/ASF)

Government - FAA (AFS, AIR, ATO, AAM & ARP)

NASA (Research),NTSB (Observer)

Industry – GAMA, EAA, NBAA, NATA, SAFE, LAMA & Insurance

- · Strategic guidance
- Management/Approval of Safety Plan
- · Provide direction
- Membership Outreach
- Provides linkage to ASIAS

Safety Analysis Team

Co-chairs: Corey Stephens (FAA)

Jens Hennig (GAMA)

Members: FAA, AOPA, EAA, GAMA, UAA, MFGs,

FAAST, NAFI, Insurance, Academia, SAFE

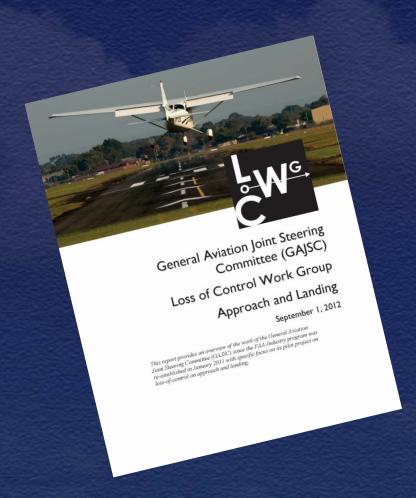
- Identify future areas of study/risk
- Charter safety studies
- Provide guidance and direction
- Draw data from various areas
- Develop a prioritized Safety Plan
- Develop metrics to measure effectiveness of safety solutions

Working Groups

(To include SMEs from various general aviation segments, depending on study)

- Data analyses
- Safety enhancement
- Mitigation development

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 Enhancementsplus8 more with second study



Lower Cost AOA Displays

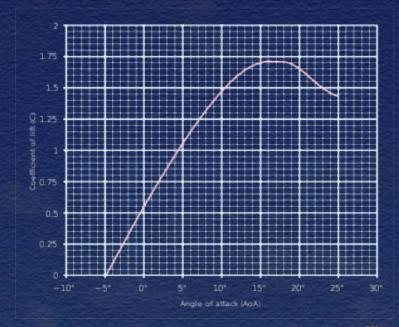
- Stall occurs at a specific Angle-of-Attack
 - But not necessarily at the same airspeed





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

FAA installation policy changed





CAST brings key stakeholders to cooperatively develop & implement a prioritized safety agenda

Commercial Aviation

Safety Team

(CAST)

Industry

Government

AIA Airbus **ALPA** APA A4A **IFALPA NACA**

IATA**

Boeing

GE*

RAA

FSF

AAPA** ATAC** **APFA** ACI-NA****

* Representing P&W and RR ** Observer

DOD FAA

- Aircraft Certification
- Flight Standards
- Accident Investigation
- Air Traffic Operations
- Airports

NASA

ICAO**

EASA

TCCA

NATCA**

NTSB**\TSB



ASIAS Members

Commercial Air Carriers (46)

ExpressJet

FedEx Express

GoJet Airlines

Horizon Air

Kalitta Air

Frontier Airlines

Hawaiian Airlines

JetBlue Airways

ABX Air Aerodynamics, Inc. Air Transport Intl. Air Wisconsin Airlines Alaska Airlines Allegiant Air Aloha Air Cargo American Airlines

Atlas Air Mesa Airlines Cape Air Miami Air Intl. Mountain Air Cargo CommutAir Compass Airlines National Airlines Northern Air Cargo Delta Air Lines **Empire Airlines** Omni Air Intl. Endeavor Air Piedmont Airlines Polar Air Cargo

PSA Airlines Republic Airlines Shuttle America Silver Airways SkyWest Airlines Southern Air Southwest Airlines Spirit Airlines Sun Country Airlines Swift Air Trans States Airlines United Airlines United Parcel Service Virgin America

Industry

A4A—Airlines for America AIA—Aerospace Industries Association

Envoy Air

Airbus ALPA—Air Line Pilots Association APA—Allied Pilots Association representing Coalition of Airline Pilots Associations (CAPA) Boeing

NACA—National Air Carrier Association NATCA—National Air Traffic Controllers Association RAA—Regional Airline Association SAPA—SkyWest Airlines Pilot Association SWAPA—Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association

General Aviation Operators (30)

Costco Wholesale*

Eli Lilly

Embraer Executive Jets

Flexiet

Flight Options Gama Aviation

Johnson & Johnson

NetJets

Northeastern Aviation Corp

REVA Vulcan, Inc. XOJET

18 additional Operators*

Industry

ACSF—Air Charter Safety Foundation

Embraer

GAMA—General Aviation Manufacturers Association Gulfstream Aerospace

NBAA — National Business Aviation

Association

NJASAP — NetJets Association of

Shared Aircraft Pilots

Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul

AAR Aircraft Services **HAECO Americas**

Government

AMC-Air Mobility Command

FAA NASA

Naval Air Force Atlantic **USAF Safety Center**

Academia

University of North Dakota

Safety Management System

- Safety Policy
- Safety Risk Management
- Safety Assurance
- Safety Promotion

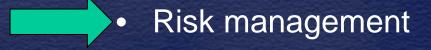


Changes to Safety Culture

Reactive & forensic

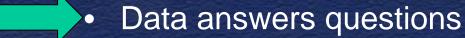
- Whack-a-mole management
- Crisis safety management
- Silos of knowledge
- Data is collected

Risk-based & predictive











Changes to Safety Culture

Reactive & forensic

Risk-based & predictive

- "Off with their heads"
- Safety organization responsible for safety
- Regulator is dictatorial and despised
- Safety expected by regulations

- Just culture
- Everyone responsible for safety
- Regulator is collaborative and respected
 - Safety enhanced via voluntary initiatives



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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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

