



# National Transportation Safety Board

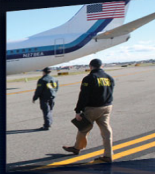
## University Aviation Association 2022 Policy Seminar

Member Michael Graham  
January 4, 2022

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### AVIATION



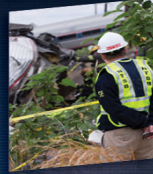
### HIGHWAY



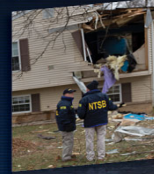
### MARINE



### RAILROAD



### PIPELINE



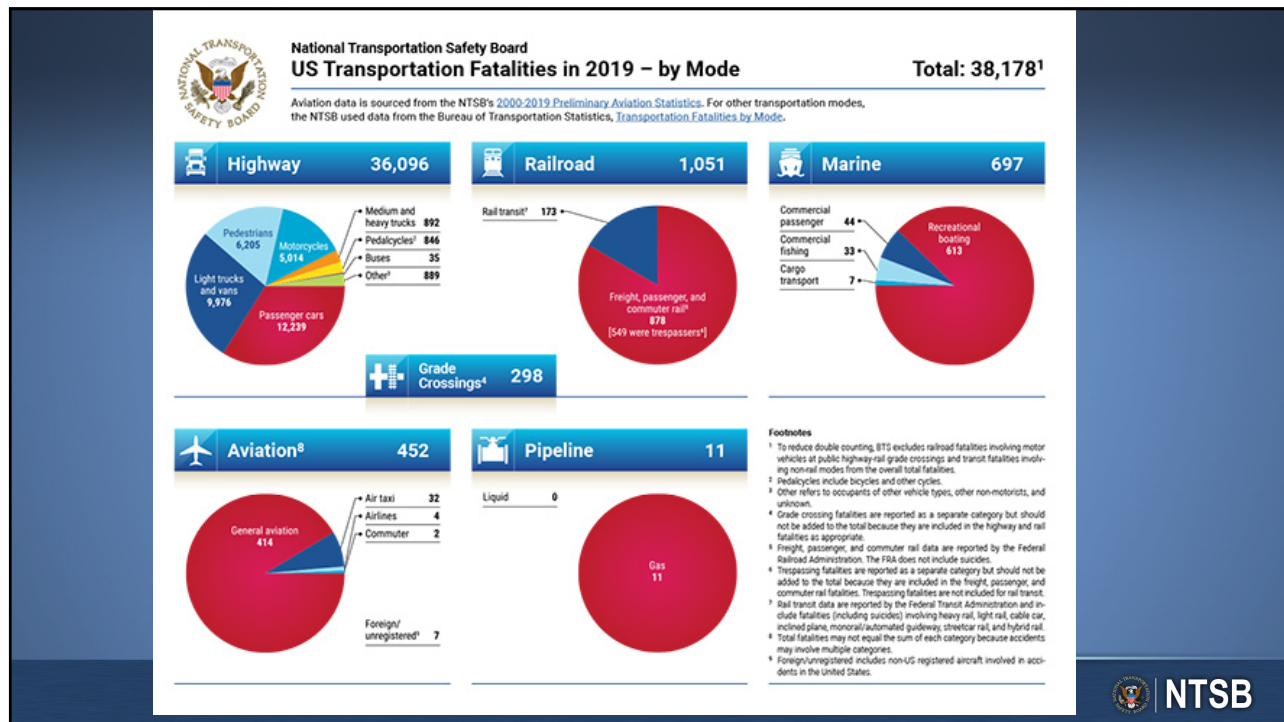
## Our Mission

The NTSB is an independent Federal agency charged by Congress with **investigating** every civil aviation accident in the United States and significant accidents in the other modes of transportation – highway, marine, railroad and pipeline – and **issuing safety recommendations** aimed at preventing future accidents.

# NTSB

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## My Path to the NTSB

- B.S. in Mechanical Engineering
- U.S. Naval Aviator
  - A-7's and F/A-18's
  - F/A-18 Flight Instructor
- McDonnell Douglas
  - F/A-18 Aircrew Instructor
- Cessna/Textron Aviation
  - Demonstration Pilot
  - Production Flight Test & Delivery
  - Director of Flight Operations Safety, Security & Standardization



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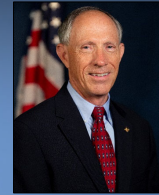
## BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

### 5 Board Members

- Chair Jennifer Homendy
- Vice Chairman Bruce Landsberg
- Member Michael Graham
- Member Thomas Chapman
- Vacant



Chair  
Jennifer Homendy



Vice Chairman  
Bruce Landsberg



Member Michael  
Graham



Member  
Thomas Chapman

### Staff

- 400+ total staff
- Office of Aviation Safety: 110+ managers, investigators, writers, and support staff



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## WHEN DOES THE NTSB INVESTIGATE?

- 49 U.S. Code § 1132 The National Transportation Safety Board shall investigate—
  - (A) each accident involving civil aircraft; and
  - (B) with the participation of appropriate military authorities, each accident involving both military and civil aircraft
- What is an accident?
  - Death
  - Serious Injury
  - Substantial Damage



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## Launching & On-Scene Investigation

- Accidents monitored 24/7 from NTSB's Response Operations Center
- Ready to "Launch" at a moment's notice
- While on-scene
  - Collect perishable evidence
  - Organizational meeting
  - Groups & Parties
  - Progress Meetings
  - Media briefings

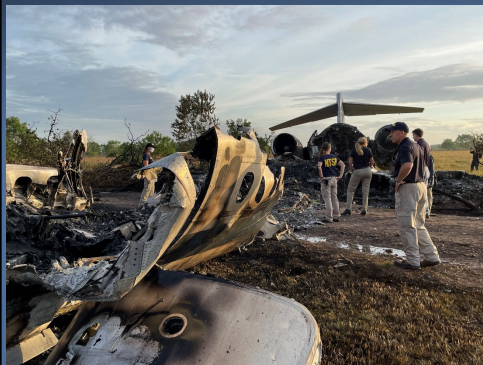


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## October 29, 2021 – Launch to Brookshire, TX



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## INVESTIGATIVE GROUPS

### All Modes

- Operations
- Weather
- Human Performance
- Systems
- Recorders
- Maintenance Records
- Witness Reports

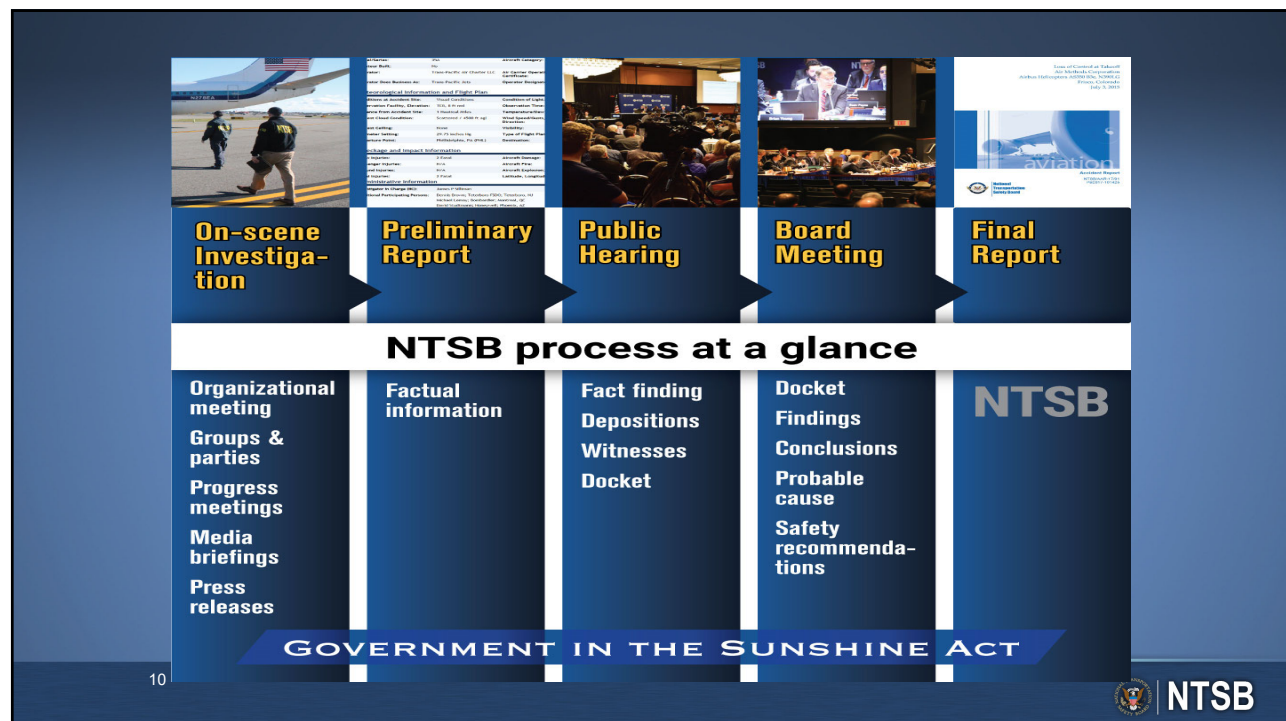
### Aviation Specific

- ATC
- Aircraft Performance
- Powerplants
- Structures

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# NTSB SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

- NTSB is NOT a regulatory agency
- Safety recommendations are the Board's most important product
- Developed to remedy system, hardware, operational or policy failures identified during investigations or safety studies



“These safety recommendations, if acted upon, would prevent future tragedies similar to these.”

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- Require and Verify the Effectiveness of Safety Management Systems in all Revenue Passenger-Carrying Aviation Operations
- Install Crash-Resistant Recorders and Establish Flight Data Monitoring Programs
- Implement a Comprehensive Strategy to Eliminate Speeding-Related Crashes
- Protect Vulnerable Road Users through a Safe System Approach
- Prevent Alcohol- and Other Drug-Impaired Driving
- Require Collision-Avoidance and Connected-Vehicle Technologies on all Vehicles
- Eliminate Distracted Driving
- Improve Passenger and Fishing Vessel Safety
- Improve Pipeline Leak Detection and Mitigation
- Improve Rail Worker Safety

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## WHY IS SMS ON THE 2021-2022 MWL?

- NTSB continues to investigate preventable Part 135 and 91 accidents from operators without an effective SMS
- Some operators continue to push the safety envelope or neglect to mitigate risks because they have yet to have an accident
  - *"We're safe because we have never had an accident"*



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## WHAT IS A SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

- A management system that brings safety conscious behaviors to the forefront of an organization
- Holistically identifies hazards and mitigates risks
- All personnel factor in safety every day and every task

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## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Expect business leaders to manage both safety and productivity
- Managers must not communicate in a way, explicitly or implicitly, that jeopardizes safety of personnel or the operation
- As future leaders of the aviation industry, you must be the vanguard of that change



Source: <https://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/pilot-fired-for-refusing-unsafe-flight-awarded-2-million/>

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## AVIATION & TECHNOLOGY

- Change is constant throughout a career
- Technology is driving significant changes in aviation
- What it means to be a pilot is evolving
- Must maintain safety standards as new technologies emerge



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