

Implementing an SMS in Small to Mid-sized Aviation Operations



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How can small and mid-sized aviation operators implement a safety management system (SMS) to reduce risk and prevent accidents?

It's not as daunting—or as costly and resource-intensive—as it may seem. It is possible to establish an SMS for every operation because these systems can be scaled to an operator's size and complexity and customized to address unique risks. In this webinar, **Implementing an SMS in Small to Mid-sized Aviation Operations**, we will show you how.

We will kick off the program with a review of accident case studies involving Part 135 and Part 91 aircraft that highlight why the NTSB has long advocated for SMS in all passenger-carrying operations. Our investigators will describe the cultural characteristics they have observed that were contrary to effective safety management and contributed to accidents.

Then, NTSB Board Member Michael Graham will moderate a roundtable discussion with several small to mid-sized operators—in various stages of SMS implementation—to explore why they chose to implement an SMS, how they are incorporating the four SMS components (safety policy, safety risk management, safety assurance, safety promotion), the challenges they overcame, and the safety and economic benefits they are seeing.

Such insights are especially important now that the FAA has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking that would require all Part 135 and Part 91 air tour operations to implement an SMS. (Note: Commercial air carriers operating under Part 121 of the FAR have been required to implement a comprehensive SMS since 2015.)

Now is your time to see the safety benefits of an SMS!

AGENDA

- 1:00PM–1:05PM. . . . Opening Remarks
 - 1:05PM–1:15PM. . . . FAA Perspective on SMS
 - 1:15PM–1:30PM. . . . NTSB Accident Investigations & Recommendations
 - 1:30PM–3:00PM. . . . Operator Case Studies & Critical Insights
- Presentations by:
- Open Air
 - Aero-Tech Services
 - SevenBar Aviation
 - Boston Med Flight
 - Jet Access
 - Blue Hawaiian Helicopters
- 3:00PM–3:25PM. . . . Roundtable Discussion & Audience Q&A
 - 3:25PM–3:30PM. . . . Wrap Up / Next Steps

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