



ALPA: *By Your Side*

It's no coincidence that ALPA's founders chose as the union's motto "Schedule with Safety" and that ALPA is by your side to advocate for and advance your most pressing aviation safety and security priorities. Later this month, the Association will continue this charge by once again bringing together safety and security subject-matter experts from government and all walks of the aviation industry for ALPA's 59th Air Safety Forum.

Complementing ALPA's very productive Pilot Assistance Forum earlier this year, the Air Safety Forum will be held July 15–18 at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. The agenda features two days of ALPA-only sessions featuring Air Safety Organization (ASO) interdisciplinary workshops and meetings, followed by two days of public discussions and presentations. In addition, the Association will honor a select group of members for their hard work on behalf of ALPA members and for demonstrating superior airmanship.

As the world's largest nongovernmental aviation safety organization, ALPA sponsors this annual event to showcase aviation safety, security, and jumpseat issues. The forum raises awareness and promotes partnerships among aviation's many stakeholders to ensure that North America remains the gold standard for safe, secure airline operations.

Hot topics

The Air Safety Forum's public days promise something for everyone. Each of the scheduled presentations features thought-provoking insights from key players and decision-makers who help define today's aviation safety and security environment. These presentations are sure to generate questions and feedback from the audience.

► U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo (R-N.J.), chairman of the House Aviation Subcommittee, will join Capt. Lee Moak, ALPA's president, in setting the stage for the event's discussions. Legislative issues remain a top priority for the Association, and Capt. Charles Hogeman (United), ALPA's Air Safety chairman, will moderate a panel discussion titled "ALPA by Your Side on 'The Hill,'" featuring comments from congressional staff, representatives from the FAA and Transport Canada, and one of ALPA's master executive council Government Affairs specialists.

► The Association continues to work with regulators to establish "One Level of Safety" for passenger and cargo operations, and Capt. Aaron Hagan (FedEx Express), chair of the ALPA President's Committee for Cargo, will facilitate a conversation examining what ALPA has achieved in attaining its One Level of Safety goal as well as what challenges remain.

► Years ago, ALPA initiated dialogue with government and industry stakeholders to establish threatened airspace management communications protocols in an effort to improve air traffic control procedures and flight deck communications during security-related events. A panel led by Capt. Robert Hamilton (PSA), ALPA's Security Council chair, will discuss the status of the initiative, while another group will survey the dynamics that allow pilots and controllers to work together to safely manage air traffic.

► At the center of any discussion about safety and security is the topic of risk, and panelists from ALPA, the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, the Flight Safety Foundation, the FAA Office of Runway Safety, and the FAA will revisit the obvious and not-so-obvious risks associated with safely traversing an airport surface. And Capt. Sean Cassidy, ALPA's first vice president and national safety coordinator, will lead a dialogue on risk-based security and its future direction.

Other public presentations will address the critical importance of pilot monitoring on today's modern flight deck and the 3 Cs required for any emergency response: coordination, communications, and compassion. 🌐



THE 59TH ALPA AIR SAFETY FORUM

WHO: ALPA leaders; safety, security, and jumpseat reps; and government and industry stakeholders

WHERE: The Washington Hilton located at 1919 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C.

WHEN: July 15–18

For more information and to register, visit safetyforum.ALPA.org. Questions? Contact airsafetyforum@ALPA.org or call 1-800-424-2470. 🌐

ASO at the Forefront

ALPA's Air Safety Organization (ASO) provides knowledge and expertise to the airline industry and government by participating in a wide variety of projects to make air travel as safe and secure as possible. The ASO consists of hundreds of Association members, backed by the professional staff of Engineering & Air Safety and other ALPA departments, who serve their fellow airline pilots and the public in their roles as ALPA safety and security representatives. These line pilots work as Association liaisons, interacting directly with airports, airlines, aircraft manufacturers, the FAA, Transport Canada, the NTSB, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, Congress and Parliament, and a host of other government and industry groups. 🌐

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