



Corporate and Charter Operators: Emergency Training Preparation and Response

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Emergency Response Plan

- Is planning a must?
- Roles of personnel and backups
- Contact lists
- Logistics challenges
- Media Strategy

Reporting Requirements

- Immediate reporting of accidents and serious incidents to NTSB Response Operations Center (844.373.9922 or 202.314.6290) per 49 CFR § 830.5
- Accidents defined under 49 CFR § 830.2
- Serious incidents defined under 49 CFR § 830.5 (a)

Drug & Alcohol

- Law enforcement authority to conduct blood/breath testing for alcohol on pilots (14 CFR § 91.17)
- 14 CFR Part 120 – Drug & Alcohol Testing Program – not applicable to corporate flights conducted under Part 91

Role of NTSB

- The Independent Safety Board Act of 1974 (49 USC §§ 1101 et seq) provides statutory authority
- 49 CFR Part 831 sets forth investigative powers and procedures

NTSB Party System

- 49 CFR §§ 831.11
- Company role in investigation
- Third rails – release of accident information; commentary on cause of accident (49 CFR §§ 831.11)
- Permitted exceptions for safety reasons
- How to preserve confidentiality re documents produced
- How to conduct internal reviews

Role of Others

- Brokers
- FAA (investigative procedures set forth in FAA Order 8020.11D)
 - Role in NTSB investigations
 - Role in investigating accidents under delegated authority
- Underwriters
- Outside counsel

Family Assistance Planning

- Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act (49 USC §§ 1136, 41113 and 41313) does not apply to corporate and charter operators but planning is advisable
- Notifications
- Roles of personnel
- Contact lists

Emergency Response Training

- Training employees on their roles
- Drills/tabletops
- Resource/infrastructure challenges
- Role of insurer

Challenges of Foreign Accidents

- Getting people and equipment in-country
- Family assistance/health care obstacles
- Role of State Department

Questions?

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