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In 2021 our industry made a great recovery, in no small part was due to your hard work and professionalism. Thank you for all that you do to keep everyone safe as we return to the skies. We wish you and your families the happiest of holiday season.

—Chris Moore, Robert Fisher and the Honorable John Goglia The Aviation Mechanics Coalition Board of Directors

TAMC Attends FAA Safety Info-share

Teamsters Airline Division Safety Representatives attended the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Safety Info-share in Pittsburgh the week of November 1. Members of Locals 19, 210, 2727, 455, 856 and 986 participate in the semi-annual safety meeting. The Info-share brings together safety professionals from all sectors of the industry. The FAA, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), universities, manufacturers, military, labor, and industry trade groups such as Airlines for America and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) met to discuss current and future aviation safety issues.

Programs such as the Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP), Line Operations Safety Assessments (LOSA), Safety Management Systems (SMS), the Voluntary Disclosure Reporting Program (VDRP) and Just Culture were major topics of discussion as usual. This being the first in-person Info-share since the beginning of the pandemic, we took a deep dive into lessons learned from it.

The pandemic presented challenges

that the industry had never anticipated. Grounding, storing, maintaining and then rapidly making ready most of the world's fleet was a massive undertaking; to do it safely required cooperation from labor, airlines and regulators.

The unexpected rapid return of domestic air travel put an additional strain on safety. The airlines, already suffering from a shortage of skilled labor, now have to grapple with an even more acute issue: mass retirements and leaves. Fatigue and human factors, which are always an issue in the industry, were front and center as the airlines restarted. Pilots timing out, mechanics working maximum allowed hours, flight attendants and customer service agents suffering physical and verbal abuse, these are human factors that can lead to a safety escape. Yet, to date, there have been no major accidents. That speaks volumes about our safety system.

Is there room for improvement? Of course, which is why the Info-share is so important. Sharing concerns, successes, innovative ideas, and your dedication as safety representatives are the reasons that aviation safety continues to evolve.



Teamsters Airline Division, TAMC Awarded FAA Workforce Development Grant

Program Will Increase Talent Pool for Aircraft Maintenance

On November 30, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved \$450,000 for the Teamsters Airline Division, in partnership with the Aviation Mechanics Coalition (TAMC), for the Aviation Workforce Development Aviation Maintenance Technical Workers Grant.

“With this grant, we have the ability to provide any individual with an interest in a career in aviation maintenance or manufacturing an understanding of the basic principles involved,” said Capt. David Bourne, Teamsters Airline Division Director. “We’re extremely grateful that the FAA is committed to working

with us on developing the next generation of talent in this craft.”

“This milestone is a testament to commitment and vision of Capt. Bourne, who saw the TAMC as the future vehicle for all aviation maintenance technician issues,” said Chris Moore, Teamsters Airline Division International Representative and TAMC Chairman. “We formed the TAMC in 2007 to address aviation maintenance technician issues and have continued to make inroads and improvements throughout the industry. A cornerstone of TAMC is to develop educational programs.”

The grant will be used to fund the development and completion of the Aviation Basics program (AVB), an eight-week course designed to provide basic skills to individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in aviation maintenance or manufacturing. The AVB program is a partnership between the TAMC and Northrop Rice U.S.A.

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