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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

Re: **National Safety & Standard Director's Monthly Update for May 2010**

Dear Members:

During the first week of May I attended the L32 membership meeting where I spoke in support of the Accident Investigation Team budget which was later approved by the membership.

The following week I was in Las Vegas for the NEC and JAC meetings. Fred Bruggeman of AEI was in attendance to address the JAC members on AEI's continued concerns with European flight crews and their role with compliance issues. He also spoke of the importance for both AMFA and AEI to continue their affiliation.

As an NEC, we reviewed the proposed Accident Team Training Policy that I had written; after several hours of discussions we were able to finalize a fair and equitable policy that we feel serves our members best interests.

Later in the month, the legislative point of contacts (LPOCs) held their first conference call with Keys to the Capitol. In attendance was Paul Kinitra (KTC), Terry Endsley (L14), Pete Miller (L11), Dom Bufalini (L18) and myself. Paul spoke about the FAA Reauthorization Bill which was being held up in the house and the senate as they both respectively work on their versions. The bill would then go to a committee that has yet to be assembled. Paul also addressed Terry's question about Congressman Smith's proposed visit to the Alaska hanger in SeaTac and reiterated that the time of day that had been requested was the issue. Paul and Terry will continue to work on the details of the congressman's visit.

During the last week of May, Floyd Looney and I attended the JDA Regulatory Affairs Training course in Dallas, TX. While the course is primarily aimed at carriers, the instructors were very helpful in adapting the course to address our interests. The course taught us how to navigate the myriad of FAA policy and information. The most significant information was the familiarization with the FAA enforcement and investigative processes and how to respond to LOIs verbally as well as written. Floyd and I both agree that we now feel better prepared to address any future LOIs received by our members.

Sincerely,

Fred Digne
Safety and Standards Director