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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

Re: **National Safety & Standards Directors Monthly Report for December 2009**

Dear Members:

This month was a whirlwind of activity with the holidays, union business and personal commitments. It didn't feel as if there were 5 weeks in December.

I began the month by reviewing and signing both the Alaska and Mesaba ASAP MOUs. Alaska's MOU was up for renewal, while Mesaba's trial period had ended and the FAA had now granted Mesaba a continuation of the program. Though neither program had any changes that would affect AMFA members, I spent considerable time discussing the details of the MOU with the respective AMFA representatives' to assure that both the FAA and the Company were administering the program with integrity while still maintaining the "non-punitive" benefits of the program. The Alaska representatives' and I will be meeting with the FAA during the first week of January 2010 to further discuss the FAA's interpretation and administration of the ASAP program at Alaska.

I received and read the Aircraft Engineers International (AEI) annual report and found that they continue to share some of the same issues and concerns as we do but on an international scale. They are requesting that AMFA send a representative to their next congressional meeting in 2010.

The FAA enforcement handbook which had been revised earlier in 2009 had a few grammatical errors. They have been corrected and the final version is now being printed. A limited amount will be available for distribution while the PDF version can be downloaded at <http://www.amfanational.org/>.

We continue to work with the guys at KTC to further establish AMFA's objectives and presence on Capitol Hill and to set-up meetings with local congressmen.

On a personal note I made a quick four day trip to Paris, France to attend my grandmother's funeral services. She died December 12th one week before her 95th birthday.

Wishing you all a very Safe and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Fred Digne
Safety & Standards Director