



Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association

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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

Re: **Safety & Standards Director's Monthly Update for September 2009**

Dear members:

During the first week of September I participated in the NEC conference call and that Tuesday I attended the Local 32 LEC meeting to speak with the Professional Standards Chairman George Edmondson about addressing "C" check crew concerns and Safety & Standards Director Dave Brooks to address Accident Team language. On Wednesday I attended Local 32's membership meeting.

I have been consulting with Scott Peterson on a case involving a mechanic who has received a Letter of Certificate Action from the FAA. In the letter the FAA seeks to suspend the individual's license for 100 days. I have contacted the FAA attorney assigned to the case and was able to have the case transferred to the FAA Western Pacific Regional Counsel Office and additionally agreed to an informal conference telephonically.

Later in the month I flew to Houston to train the Local 18 Professional Standards Committee volunteers. Two of the nine PSC members are stationed in MDW and will now be available to assist those members stationed within their region. As of September, all three of the AMFA/SWA locals have a Professional Standards Committee. The following day I returned to Phoenix to meet with the AMFA/SWA Accident Team Members. We discussed procedural language and addressed their concerns pertaining to work schedules and pay during an accident investigation. We also discussed badges and identification of team members at an accident scene. I contacted Robert Benzon, Chief NTSB investigator, the next day to ask him how the NTSB, FAA and TSA handled identification of members during an investigation. *I did receive an answer, but for security reasons I will not give it here.*

"An Association member will keep uppermost in his mind that the safety and well-being of his fellow Association members and the passengers who entrust their lives to him are his first and greatest responsibility". **AMFA Professional Standards Committee handbook**

Sincerely,
Fred Digne
Safety & Standards Director

