



THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Friday, May 2, 2003

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As I finish my 30th workday as the NTSB Chairman I want to again thank each of you for your support and assistance. I am learning from you and with you as I go through the office briefings. I am glad that we work together as a TEAM to support the NTSB mission.

A critical component of mission success will be our continued and vigilant focus on fiscal management of the people's money. Yes, the NTSB is an independent agency but it is also a federal agency. We must never forget that our salaries and expenses are provided by the American taxpayer.

I am strongly encouraged by the good management practices that I see exhibited by **Steve Goldberg**, our CFO, and his team. I am working

directly with the CFO and Managing Director **Dan Campbell** to ensure that we wisely invest and not spend, our dollars. Weekly procurement review meetings are being held and each, yes, *each* procurement request is reviewed prior to being authorized.

I am sure that each member of the NTSB family will continue to support our good fiscal management efforts and I thank you in advance. Afterall – April 15th just passed. I hope that each of you understands our conservative fiscal focus. Again, please remember in all endeavors that we must be thoughtful, careful and deliberate in our actions.

Ellen G. Engleman

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Chairman Engleman and CFO Steve Goldberg meet to review procurement requests.

NTSB EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY

The NTSB creates and maintains a work environment to maximize the potential of all employees. At the Board, we encourage trust, respect, and open communication that will foster and promote a positive and productive work environment. Our goal is to build a highly-skilled, diverse work force that is committed to enhancing the safety of the Nation's transportation systems. I want to lead a team of dedicated professionals who are trained and ready for the duties outlined in their

official position descriptions. This means that all supervisors and managers must ensure that our employees obtain and maintain the required skills needed to accomplish our critical mission.

We must and will work together to support one another in the accomplishment of our safety mission. Every personnel action should be based upon merit without bias or prejudice. We will make every effort to ensure that all employment

decisions and personnel actions—including recruitment, selection, training, promotion, transfer and benefits—are administered in conformance with Federal statutes and regulations governing equal employment and personnel management. If we are to uphold our reputation for excellence, each and every employee must work together to make the NTSB the employer of choice. Please contact **Fara Guest**, at ext. 6190, for more information on the NTSB EEO Policy.

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CHANGES AT THE HEADQUARTERS RECEPTION DESK

Those of you who work in the NTSB headquarters might have noticed a little change the last time you walked past the 6th floor reception desk. Our

receptionist, **Katrina Givens**, has moved to the Public Inquiries Branch (RE-51). The "6000" phone number has been relocated to that office. The former reception desk is now the NTSB's guard station. Our guards will be responsible for signing in visitors, handing out badges and calling employees to escort their guests, among their other security tasks.

We are still working out new procedures for sending and accepting courier parcels, which we hope to announce in the next few days.

On the Hill...

Chairman Engleman met with several members of our Senate Appropriations Committee, including Committee Chairman Shelby, Ranking Democratic Member Patty Murray and Senator Durbin. The Chairman is scheduled to meet with Senator Bond next week to discuss the NTSB's reauthorization.



AVIATION INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM

On Thursday, April 30, the NTSB Academy hosted its largest class to date — the Aviation Industry Training. Thanks to all of the instructors who made the program a great success — **John Clark, Tom Haueter, Bob MacIntosh, Erik Grosf, Ted Lopatkiewicz, Elaine Weinstein and Vern Ellingstad**. Feedback from the participants has been tremendous.

Thank you also to the team behind the scenes, **Will Skolochenko** of RE, **Carolyn Dargan** and the Academy staff — **Pat Cariseo, Phuong Callaway, Bill Eisenrauch, Virginia Corbett and Julie Beal** for ensuring that the program was administered in a way that makes us all proud.



Special thanks to **Jim Wildey, Joe Epperson, Erin Gormely, Al Reitan and John O'Callaghan** for leading a tour of the lab.

STATE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Florida Primary Enforcement Legislation – S.B. 504, the primary enforcement bill, passed the Senate Transportation Committee by a 6-1 vote on April 21, 2003.

District of Columbia Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Bill – The Mayor of the District of Columbia submitted a PFD bill to the D.C. City Council for action. **Bill Gossard** has been working with the Boating Law Administrator to get the bill moving through the Corporation Counsel to Mayor Williams. The recent canoeing death of a 12-year-old girl who was not wearing a PFD may provide additional impetus for action.

Department of Transportation Releases 2002 Highway Fatality Statistics – NHTSA Administrator Jeff Runge released the 2002 preliminary highway fatality statistics with a speech to the Automotive Press Association on April 23, 2003. Unfortunately, total deaths rose (from 42,116 to 42,850), as well as alcohol related deaths (from 17,448 to 17,970). Alcohol related fatalities have been rising steadily since 1999.