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the individual pilot recognize the onset of inattention in himself and in others of his crew. It may be combatted by the adherence to professional standards. These standards must be maintained by alertness, by cockpit discipline, by strict adherence to established procedures, and by prompt, positive correction of any deviation therefrom.

PROBABLE CAUSE

The national Transportation Safety Board determines that the probable cause of this incident was the failure of the flightcrew to adhere to established procedures, which resulted in a descent below the authorized minimum descent altitude and an impact with the trees.

RECOMMENDATION

The National Transportation Safety Board recommends that:

The Federal Aviation Administration transmit a copy of this report to all Part 121 and 135 operators, with an accompanying request that the management of each operator make a copy of the report available to their flightcrews and use every means to maintain an effective program of company communications, emphasizing the importance of adherence to critical operational procedures such as altitude callouts. (Aviation Safety Recommendation A-73-75)

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