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## **MAKE BUSINESS AVIATION SAFETY YOUR TOP PRIORITY**

2014 Top Safety Focus Areas

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The NBAA Safety Committee has identified NBAA's Top Safety Focus Areas for 2014, highlighting 10 priorities in support of a greater commitment to business aviation safety standards. These safety focus areas are intended to help promote safety-enhancing discussions and initiatives within flight departments and among owner-flown operations. For full descriptions and to access committee-developed resources, visit [www.nbaa.org/top-safety-focus-areas](http://www.nbaa.org/top-safety-focus-areas).

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## **PROFESSIONALISM**

Professionalism entails a deliberate quest to always do the right thing through ethical behavior, personal accountability, continuous improvement and operational discipline. A cornerstone focus area identified as lacking in nearly all accident and incident scenarios, professionalism includes a firm commitment to the practice of active safety management.

## **POSITIVE SAFETY CULTURE**

The entire organization must work together to fully embrace a proactive safety mindset supported by a "just culture" and evidenced by not only participation and belief in the culture, but also the willingness to share safety data with fellow aviation professionals. This second cornerstone focus area highlights the need for an effective set of beliefs, values, attitudes and practices from executive management to the flight line.

## **SINGLE-PILOT SAFETY**

As a result of cost reductions and/or entrepreneurial spirit, the necessity to provide pilots with the tools to safely manage single-pilot operations has become more important than ever. Owner-pilots need increased support, guidance and resources to help them conduct safe and efficient flights.

## **FITNESS FOR DUTY**

In a physically and mentally demanding environment, a clear mind and healthy body are essential to safe business aircraft operation, maintenance and management. Operators must address fatigue, sleep apnea and improper use of medications, as well as other physical and psychological aeromedical issues.

## **AIRPORT SAFETY**

Effective risk management requires pilots to exercise increased vigilance while operating at unfamiliar, non-towered or complex airport environments. They must mitigate wildlife threats, infrastructure challenges and other inherent airport hazards.

## **AIRMANSHIP SKILLS**

The common denominator for excellence in aviation decision-making, risk management and flight path management is training. Improved business aviation training will lead to a reduction in loss of control, runway excursions and other business aircraft accidents and incidents.

## **DISTRACTION MANAGEMENT**

Too much to do without enough time, tools or resources leads to the inability to focus, assess risk and manage threats and errors. Achieving and maintaining situational awareness while experiencing personal stress or pressure at work are key for successful business aviation operations to occur.

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

Legislative decisions and policy making, both domestically and internationally, can have detrimental safety implications for business aviation. Pressures to implement user fees remain a significant threat.

## **TALENT PIPELINE**

The forecasted shortage of business aviation professionals will create challenges in attracting, mentoring and retaining new professionals who can safely manage, maintain, service and fly business aviation into the future.

## **TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT**

The rate of technological developments and implementation has increased dramatically, challenging the ability to adapt or continue with obsolete systems.





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#### **ABOUT THE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

NBAA and its Safety Committee published the 2014 Top Safety Focus Areas to provide business aircraft operators with the awareness, knowledge and tools for achieving even higher standards of aviation safety. The safety focus areas were developed with input from government agencies, industry associations, regional groups and other NBAA standing committees. To share feedback, contact NBAA at [ops@nbaa.org](mailto:ops@nbaa.org), or review additional safety resources at [www.nbaa.org/safety](http://www.nbaa.org/safety).