

# General Aviation Joint Steering Committee

## PURPOSE

As part of Safer Skies, launched in 1998, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the general aviation (GA) community jointly developed a goal of reducing GA fatal accidents. The General Aviation Joint Steering Committee (GAJSC) uses a data-driven, consensus-based approach to analyze safety data to develop specific interventions that will mitigate the root causes of accidents. The GAJSC focuses on proactively assessing data to identifying new emerging issues and threats to general aviation safety, analyze them, and develop mitigation strategies to address and prioritize safety issues to prevent accidents.

## OBJECTIVE

The GAJSC is a primary mechanism for Government/Industry cooperation, communication, and coordination on GA safety issues. The GAJSC's activities will focus on reducing GA accidents through non-regulatory, proactive safety strategies. **Our goal is to reduce the GA fatal accident rate per 100,000 flight hours by 10 percent over a 10-year period (2009-2018) to no more than 1.00 fatal accident per 100,000 hours by 2018.**

## MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

The GAJSC is co-chaired by the FAA and industry. The FAA Co-Chair is the Director of the Office of Accident Investigation and Prevention (AVP). The industry Co-Chair position is held by Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). AOPA and EAA serve as Co-Chair and Vice-Co-Chair on a three-year rotating basis. The GAJSC combines the expertise of many key decision-makers across different parts of FAA, various government agencies, and several GA associations. FAA participating organizations include the Air Traffic Organization, Flight Standards Services, Aircraft Certification, the Office of Airports, and AVP. The other federal agency members are NASA and National Weather Service. Industry participants include the Aircraft Electronic Association (AEA), AOPA, EAA, General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), Light Aircraft Manufacturers Association (LAMA), National Air Transportation Association (NATA), National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI), a representative of the insurance industry, and Society of Aviation Flight Educators (SAFE).

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are observers to the GAJSC.

The Safety Analysis Team (SAT), formed by the GAJSC, will perform in-depth analysis of a particular accident category and report back to the GAJSC with mitigations for prioritization and inclusion into a GA Safety Plan. The in-depth analysis may be conducted using project-specific working groups that are established by the GAJSC on recommendation by the SAT.

## TASKS

The GAJSC plenary meets quarterly to focus limited Government/Industry resources on data-driven risks by identifying solutions that are:

- Voluntary commitments
- Consensus based
- Data driven
- Implementation-focused