

Biographical Sketch of David A. Prewitt

Specific role at HFA: Areas of Interest: Mr. Prewitt serves as a Senior Aviation Safety and Safety Management Systems Consultant, specializing in SMS, Human Factors, Strategic Planning, and “Just Culture”.

Education:

Dave holds a MS in Education from Troy State University and his BS in Aviation Management from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He holds current ATP, CFI, and Ground Instructor Certificates.

Professional Experience:

Dave Prewitt is CEO of Dave Prewitt Consulting, LLC in Melbourne, Florida specializing in safety management system development, improving safety culture, auditing and accident investigation.

Dave was named Chief Operating Officer for Rotorcraft LLC, 9 March 2009. He was responsible for all aspects of the company’s safety, flight, ground, maintenance, and supply chain programs in support of oil and gas operations in the Gulf of Mexico. Rotorcraft operated 125 helicopters over seven states and is the largest privately held Helicopter Company in the world.

Before joining Rotorcraft, Dave was Managing Director, Air Safety and Regulatory Compliance at FedEx Express in Memphis. He managed the flight, ground and maintenance safety programs along with Emergency Response Planning for FedEx’s worldwide aviation operations.

Mr. Prewitt was Alaska Airline’s Vice-President for safety in beginning in May 2000. Security was added to his division in the third quarter of 2004 making him responsible for all aspects of the airline’s safety and security programs.

Prior to joining Alaska, Mr. Prewitt was Staff Vice President of corporate safety and security at TWA. He oversaw all safety and security activities at TWA’s domestic and international stations and developed an internal audit system for TWA operating departments, including: flight operations, maintenance, inflight and airport operations. He was also involved in the Flight Operations Quality Assurance program with the FAA and TWA management and developed TWA’s accident and incident reporting system, safety information system and database. Dave joined TWA in 1995 after 28 years in the U.S. Army – He retired as a CW5. He was promoted to director of operational safety in at TWA in 1996 and became the acting director of flight operations safety in 1997. He was promoted later to staff vice president of corporate safety and security that same year.

Mr. Prewitt is also a pilot and has flown both helicopters and fixed wing aircraft. He was an Instrument Flight Examiner and Instructor Pilot in both rotary and fixed wing aircraft. In addition to his other duties at TWA he was a first officer on DC-9 aircraft.

Highlights of Professional Activities:

Mr. Prewitt served as a founding member on the Board of Directors for the Medallion foundation in 2002 and 2003 where he remains a Board member and is a past Chairman of the Global Aviation Information Network (GAIN). He also served as the first Industry Co-Chair of the FAA’s Safety Management System Focus Group. He also served as a group lead on the SMS ARC. He serves as an Adjunct Professor at the USC School of Engineering where he teaches SMS.

Honors and Awards:

Magna Cum Laude from Embry Riddle University

Order of St. Michael from AUSA

Publications:

PlaneSafe, TWA’s safety magazine 1995-2000

The Safe Approach, Alaska Airline’s safety magazine 2000-2007

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