NTSB Releases Agenda for Flight Data Locator Forum

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WASHINGTON – The preliminary agenda for a forum on flight data recorders and aircraft locator technology was released today by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The one-day forum, Emerging Flight Data and Locator Technology, which will be held at the NTSB in Washington on October 7, was first announced on August 14 in an NTSB blog post by Dr. Joseph Kolly, Director, NTSB Office of Research and Engineering.

The forum will focus on highlighting effective technologies currently being used, exploring technologies in development, and determining what policy, industry, and technological impediments need to be addressed.

The last symposium the NTSB held on recorders technology in transportation was in May 1999.

“In recent years, the international aviation community has been confronted with some challenging issues involving the location and recovery of lost airplanes and recorders,” said NTSB Acting Chairman Christopher A. Hart. “Since there have been so many advancements in both recorder and location technology in the last 15 years, it’s clearly time for us to take a fresh look at what the possibilities are for improvements in both of these areas.”

Forum panelists will include those with expertise in the development, implementation, and deployment of innovative flight data and locator technologies.

The forum will be held in the NTSB Board Room and Conference Center, located at 429 L’Enfant Plaza, S.W. Washington D.C. The forum, which is free and open to the public (no registration required), will also be webcast live at www.ntsb.gov.

The preliminary agenda is now available on the forum web page: http://go.usa.gov/pcke.

A more detailed agenda, including a list of presenters and their biographies, will be made available on the website in the coming weeks.

Organizations and/or individuals can submit input for consideration as part of the forum’s archived materials. Submissions should directly address one or more of the forum’s topic areas (identified by the panel titles) and should be submitted electronically as an attached document by October 21 to: recorder_forum@ntsb.gov.

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