NTSB SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS A-10-10 THROUGH -34, A-05-1, A-05-14, AND A-07-13 (REITERATION)

There have been several inquiries from members wanting to know if the NTSB February 23, 2010, Recommendation to the FAA is applicable to law enforcement aviation. It is directed at all CFR Title 14, Part 91K, Part 135 and Part 121 operators. Part 91K addresses Fractional Ownership, and is not applicable to law enforcement aviation unless you are a Part 135 operator. It is worth noting that the NTSB’s recommendations are consistent with what the Airborne Law Enforcement Association has promulgated in its Safety First and training programs.

The recommendations identify several issues which are worth reviewing. These include best practices, leadership, accident review, crew rest and fatigue, assessment of pilot performance, remedial training, collection of safety information, workload management, and Just Culture and open reporting. These are all high priority issues, many of which are documented in ALEA’s Safety Management System, Training, and Flight Data Monitoring Toolkits.

ALEA has already adopted these priorities and the Toolkits, the latter of which are posted on the ALEA website. The Toolkits represent the most current safety doctrine and best practices in the aviation industry. They detail how to implement these practices in your organization. Please forward your comments and questions on the Toolkits to: safety@alea.org.

Remember – Safety First!

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