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**August 2022**

**Hello all.** First and foremost, I want to thank everyone for such a great turnout for APSCON 2022 in Reno, NV. We had a great turnout for our courses and classes all week. Thanks to all of our members, vendors and sponsors for a great conference.

As most of you all know, Bryan Smith has moved on from the position of Safety Program Manager with Airborne Public Safety Association, a position he has held for 10 years. During that time, Bryan put in countless hours providing us all with critical safety material, which we all can use within our units. Bryan has done so much for the public safety aviation sector and I just want to take an extra minute to truly show him how much his hard work and dedication was greatly appreciated not by just myself, but I'm sure, everyone in the industry. I



have learned a great deal over the years from the training material and classes he put out. Bryan has built a solid foundation over the last decade, which many of agencies use as the backbone of the safety program implemented within their own units. So, with that being said, thank you Bryan for everything you have done and the hard work you put into changing the safety culture in public safety aviation over the years. I feel strongly that your

material and effort into getting the training out to as many people as possible has saved countless lives.



Knowing this, it was only fitting that at APSCON 2022, Bryan Smith was awarded the Airborne Public Safety Association's 2022 Safety Award sponsored by MD Helicopters. Congratulations Bryan, I don't know of an individual more deserving.

Taking over this position, I know I have big shoes to fill. I am not trying to reinvented the wheel with this program but only build on what Bryan has done over the years. I am hoping to come in with a fresh perspective and keep this safety train rolling smoothly. I am asking for you to provide as much input as much as possible. If you like something, say something; if you don't like something, please let me know. If there is anything that hasn't been taught and you would like to see be implemented or touched on, please reach out to me and introduce yourself. A goal of mine is to build strong relationships with as many people as possible to build a strong safety culture for our industry.

Feel free to reach out anytime about any questions, concerns, comments or anything, for that matter. The email address has not changed, just the individual behind the email address.

Continue to fly safely and I look forward to working with everyone over the next year.



## ONLINE MEETINGS

APSA conducts regularly scheduled online meetings for aviation safety officers, maintenance technicians, SAR personnel, UAS operators and natural resources personnel via a conference call you can join using your computer, mobile device or phone. Online meetings are open to any APSA member. Contract maintenance providers to APSA members are welcome to participate in the maintenance meeting as well. If you would like to join, send an email to: [safety@publicsafetyaviation.org](mailto:safety@publicsafetyaviation.org)

The schedule for upcoming APSA online meetings is as follows.



### **UAS:**

Wednesday, September 7, 2022  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT (1700 UTC)

### **Safety Officers:**

Friday, September 23, 2022  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT (1700 UTC)

### **Natural Resources:**

Wednesday, October 5, 2022  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT (1700 UTC)

### **Maintenance:**

Wednesday, October 19, 2022  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT (1700 UTC)

### **SAR:**

Wednesday, November 2, 2022  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT (1700 UTC)

*“Leadership is an action, not a position.”*

~ Donald McGannon

## **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE OF THE MONTH**

In each monthly emergency situation, discuss what you would do, as a crew, to respond to the following emergency. If the EP does not apply to your specific aircraft, think of something similar.

### **Incapacitated Tactical Flight Officer in Flight**

### **In Memory Of**



**Detective Matt Blansett**



**Trooper Pilot Sergeant Lee Russell**

On August 23, 2022 the law enforcement community was made aware of the tragic news of a Tennessee Highway Patrol aircraft had gone down. The two individuals onboard that aircraft, Sgt. Lee Russell of the TN Highway Patrol and Marion County Sheriff's Department Detective Matt Blansett, did not survive the crash. Both gentlemen dedicated their lives to serving the public and their communities. We are truly heartbroken over the loss of these public servants.