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Helicopter Safety Advisory Conference

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## Aerial Observation Committee

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### Agenda

**NASA Aviation Safety Reporting Systems**

**Safety, Incident Reporting, and Shares**

**Key Performance Indicators**

**Safety Shares**

**RP Revisions for Discussion**

**FAA Engagement on Waivers**

**Elisa Marfise**

**Tom Buchner**

**All**

**All**

**All**

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18 participants



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## NASA Aviation Safety Reporting Systems

Elisa Marfise

- Database is managed by NASA as an external agency from the FAA and without enforcement action.
- Looking for unsafe occurrences, hazardous situations, and violation
- Gathers from Airline ASAP, ATC ATSAP, Electronic and Paper Submissions
- 95,000 reports submitted in 2022 (56% Air Carrier; 5% ATC; 17% GA)
- Each report reviewed by staff (retired airline pilots) within 5 days of report
- Must file within 10 days of the event, can be waived from violation once every 5 years
- 180 Alert Bulletins in 2022
- FAA/NTSB Telecons (3 topics/mo)
- Callback News Letter 1/mo
- Online Database
- Can search hazards for specific airports to understand common hazards when beginning operations from that base



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## **Safety, Incident Reporting, and Shares**

Approx. 30 % of aerial patrol flight hours conducted by HSAC participants

2 events of missing fuel caps in 2022

## **Safety Shares**

Danger of priming engine with throttle (accelerator pump) resulting in carb. fire

Incorrect magneto maintenance

Incorrect Spark Plug Wire attachment discovered during mag check

## **Discussion on FAA Engagement on Low Altitude Waiver Process and Inconsistencies**



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## **Recommended Practice Update**

### **RP 23-01 Tower and Obstruction Hazards (Submitted for HSAC Board Approval)**

#### **Revisions For Approval (Submitted for HSAC Board Approval):**

2006-02 Preferred Equipment Fit (Added ADS-B)

2006-03 Captain Minimums (Added reference to Ab Initio Training)

2009-01 Pilot/Observer Training (Removed Links, Minor Text Editing)

#### **For Review with Revisions Recommended by Group:**

2006-01 Preferred Maintenance Guidelines– significant revisions required

2008-01 Flight Following – significant revisions required

2013-01 Fatigue Management – no significant revisions necessary. Keep as is.