

DL 142 Ground Safety Report – Spring 2016



-By Ron Miller, Ground Safety Committee Director

Registration is open for the 2016 annual Ground Safety Training Conference, June 1-3 in Hollywood, Md.

Last year's conference was full with a wait list, so this year we have reserved all of the rooms at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center.

The conference is hosted by the Joint Air Transport Safety Committee and includes three full days of instruction, networking and information-sharing focused on the theme, "Skills for Life: Pathways to Health and Safety."

Joining District 142 at this event will be Districts 140 and 141, along with representatives from the TWU and management from the airlines we represent.

Topics include "How to Reach Different Generations for Safety and Health," "How to Resolve Safety and Health Conflicts," "Just Culture," "Ergonomics," "Violence in the Workplace (Active Shooter)" and "OSHA."

Also featured will be a Canadian safety workshop, hands-on Accident Investigation training and break-out sessions for work group classifications.

You will not want to miss this opportunity to share learning experiences with your brothers and sisters from other parts of the country and other airlines.

Registration from your Local Lodge secretary must be received by the District office no later than May 1. So don't hesitate, talk to your Local Lodge leadership today!

American Airlines

Lightning season is approaching and we have been working with the TWU and Corporate Safety to review the lightning detection and notification systems at every AA Maintenance location.

We have developed a corporate standard and are identifying detection or warning equipment and processes that need updating to meet that standard. We have visited most stations and have made specific recommendations and hope to complete our on-site reviews of all of the maintenance stations soon.

Local Lodge Ground Safety Committee members from across the AA system participate in a conference call on the first Wednesday of every month to keep abreast of the many safety and health issues and share solutions. We also join the TWU on a quarterly basis to discuss safety and health issues with Vice President of Line Maintenance Paul Wroble.

Alaska Airlines

With the modified GSAP agreement between the IAM and Alaska going into effect on Feb. 1, the union felt it was important to visit every location with IAM members to discuss the changes to the program.

Since the beginning of February, Jason McAdoo and GSAP ERC alternate Kaleb Rosa have been traveling weekly to promote GSAP and answer any related questions. Their travels will take them as far east as D.C., as far north as Barrow, Alaska and as far south as San Diego, returning in mid-May just in time for the busy summer season.

So far, everyone has asked engaging and important questions. "It's been great spending time talking to our brothers and

sisters throughout the Alaska system.” MacAdoo and Rosa report.

Feel free to contact Jason or Kaleb regarding any GSAP questions.