
Safety Recommendations

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In reply refer to: SI-19-00001, 19-00002 and 19-00003

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The Air Accident Investigation Department is an independent accident investigation authority mandated by the Government of the Bahamas with investigating aviation accidents and incidents and determining their probable cause, and making recommendations¹ to prevent similar accidents or incidents from occurring.

We are providing the following information to urge your organization to take action on the safety recommendations in this letter. The AAID is vitally interested in any action taken on these recommendations because they are designed to prevent accidents and save lives.

These recommendations addresses air traffic control personnel licensing and airman qualification and medical fitness. These recommendations are derived from the AAID's investigation of the near midair collision (file number A18-000025) between aircraft C6-JEF and C6-KID, which occurred on 22 September, 2018, at Lynden Pindling Int'l Airport on Runway 14/32. These recommendations are supported by the evidence that were found and the analysis performed.

As a result of this investigation, the following recommendations are made to the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority:

SI-19-00001

The AAID recommends the BCAA re-examine the pilot for his competence to hold a Bahamas issued pilot license.

Based on the results of interview conducted with the pilot of C6-JEF post-incident, it is evident the pilot's ability to carry out instructions issued by ATC is questionable, which poses a serious risk to other users of the airspace.

SI-19-00002

Recommendation is made to have the pilot reassessed (as a result of prior questionable medical history) by a medical assessor for medical fitness to be operating an aircraft in the national airspace.

SI-19-00003

Recommendation is made to BCAA to without delay, issue all ATC personnel with requisite ATC licenses as required by CAGR Schedule 8, Subpart B and Subdivision IX, as license and current medical

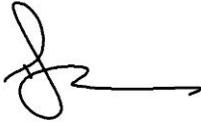
certificates are required any time personnel are completing duty assignments requiring a license or medical certificate.

As a result of this investigation, the AAIA has issued (10) safety recommendations;

- (3) are addressed to the Safety Oversight Department (SOD) of the BCAA; and
- (7) are addressed to the Bahamas Air Navigation Services Division (BANSD)

The AAIA would appreciate a response from you within 90 days addressing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement these recommendations. In your response to the recommendations in this letter, please refer to safety recommendations by number. If you need additional information you may call 397-5513 or 397-5509.

Regards



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¹ In accordance with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation, International Standards and Recommended Practices, Chapter 6, Paragraph 6.8 and the Bahamas Civil Aviation (Investigations of Air Accidents and Incidents) Amendment Regulations 1.460(a) *"At any stage of the investigation of an accident or incident, the AAID shall, in a dated transmittal correspondence recommend to the appropriate authorities, including those in other States, those persons or organizations of the aviation community that have a direct interest in the safety issue that was the basis for the safety recommendation as well as to other members of the aviation community who would benefit from the information, any preventive action that the AAID considers necessary to be taken promptly to enhance aviation safety."*