

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Party Process

The AAIA investigates varying numbers of accidents and incidents a year. The AAIA accomplishes this task by leveraging its resources, designating other organizations or companies as “parties” to its investigations. Only entities that provide necessary expertise to the investigation are granted party status and only persons who possess the required training or specialized expertise are permitted to participate in the investigation. **Persons in legal or litigation positions are not assigned to the investigation.**

Value of independence

The AAIA achieves its objective through its independence. Because the AAIA is separate and distinct from the regulatory agency (BCAA), carriers, service providers and industry groups, the Authority is able to conduct investigations that fairly and objectively assess the involvement and performance of all the entities that may have played a role in the accident. Although these other organizations may also conduct inquiries of their own, only the AAIA is positioned to provide a fair and objective assessment of what caused the accident and how to prevent it from reoccurring.

Final Report

After analyzing all factual findings, the AAIA makes its determination of probable cause. The entire process – from accident report to final report normally takes about a year, but can take longer depending on the complexity of the accident.

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Who We Are....

What is the Aircraft Accident Investigation Authority?



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"OUR MISSION - PROMOTING SAFETY IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY"

WHAT IS THE AAIA

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA) is the Bahamas Government's independent voice for advocating aviation safety.

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA) is Bahamas's aviation safety investigation branch, the AAIA investigates aviation accidents and incidents to find out what happened so it doesn't happen again. We don't investigate to lay blame but to improve safety.

The AAIA works with operator and regulators to ensure safe transport for the traveling public and industry. If things go wrong the AAIA steps in to see if changes need to be made to the overall system of safety, often things go wrong in safety because we're all human and prone to error, we know that people generally don't intend to harm themselves or others, nevertheless mistakes do happen.

OUR AIM

We, at the AAIA, aim to understand why these mistakes occur to reduce the risk of them happening again. While we'll never fully eliminate human error, we need to be sure that when errors are made, they are detected and managed.

It is not a function of the AAID to apportion blame or determine liability. At the same time, an investigation report must include factual material of sufficient weight to support the analysis and findings.

NOTIFICATIONS

The AAIA is the notification point for safety occurrences in the Bahamas, this means that whenever there is an incident or accident we need to know about it. The data we get from notifications helps us to analyze trends, find patterns in aviation safety and alert the relevant people to any ongoing problem or risk. However, to do this effectively, we need to be told, this is where we rely on people in the aviation industry.

Besides being a legal requirement, your notification could save a life so even if you're not sure, notify the AAIA. You can also confidentially tell us about safety concerns with total assurance that your identity will be protected.

The AAIA get numerous safety notifications of aviation accidents and incidents each year, we take these to show the big picture of accident trends and what's causing them. The AAIA does a lot more than just investigate accidents, while investigation is essential to what we do, equally important is the information we collect on safety related events.

This helps us identify safety issues and trends that helps us advise on what needs to be done to improve the safety. We also educate industry and promote positive safety action through a range of educational materials, through our safety watch initiative we highlight the top safety concerns that come out of our investigation findings and from the occurrence data reported to us by industry.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We urge the aviation community to give heightened attention to the risk areas identified in safety watch, these areas where Bahamas's aviation can make safe aviation systems even safer, it's all part of our commitment to make aviation safer for the Bahamas's traveling public and aviation industries.

GO -TEAMS

On call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, go teams are composed of highly skilled investigators trained in the investigative techniques necessary for particular types of accidents. Each team is led by an Investigator in Charge who serves as the principal spokesperson for the Authority.

ON THE SCENE

Generally, go teams can complete their on scene work in 3 to 5 days depending on the complexity of the accident. In the interest of transparency the AAIA provides timely press briefings and media statements in the days following an accident. Only verified factual information is conveyed, since the AAIA does not speculate about possible causes.

SCOPE OF AAIA INVESTIGATIONS

- All civil aviation accidents and incidents occurring in the Bahamas.
- Accidents that are catastrophic or involve problems of a recurring nature.

