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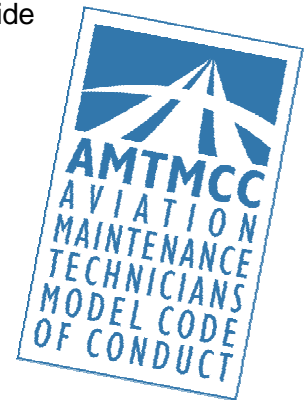
AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

For Immediate Release

July 16, 2009 – The Aviation Maintenance Technicians Model Code of Conduct was released today by the project’s Permanent Editorial Board. The Code of Conduct is designed to advance professionalism among aviation maintenance technicians (AMTs), and has benefited from extensive input and review by the aviation maintenance community.

“We will incorporate the Aviation Maintenance Technicians Model Code of Conduct into the FAASTeam’s initiatives and toolsets to address accident causal factors and all other facets of aviation maintenance.” said Phil Randall, the FAA’s Ass’t National FAASTeam Manager. “The Aviation Maintenance Technicians Model Code of Conduct is a must for all Aviation Maintenance Technicians. The Code is easily adapted to any organization and applicable to anyone in the aviation maintenance industry. I urge everyone to use it.” said Prof. Jeff Gruber, A&P, IA, DME, and Chairman of the PAMA Technical Issues Committee.” John Hopkins, A&P, IA, the Experimental Aircraft Association’s Manager of Aircraft Maintenance stated that, “The vision and principles of the Code of Conduct will provide a lifetime of positive aviation experience to any AMT and any maintenance organization.”

Tom Hendershot, Executive Director of the AMTSociety urged, "Addressing every sector of aerospace maintenance, the Aviation Maintenance Technicians Model Code of Conduct is a dynamic set of principals encouraging airworthiness, professionalism, and safety." Fred Digne, the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association’s National Safety & Standards Director stated, “The AMT Code of Conduct nicely compliments our Association’s objectives. While helping to enhance our profession and assist AMTs as they endeavor to maintain public confidence through, Knowledge, Skill and Integrity.”



The Code of Conduct should enhance safety in the maintenance workplace and in flight operations, promote improved training, appropriate conduct, and personal responsibility, encourage the development of good judgment and ethical behavior, and contribute to the aviation community and society at large. It also supports improved communications between AMTs, aircraft owners, pilots, regulators, and others in the aviation industry, and seeks to make aviation maintenance a more highly respected and rewarding profession.

The Code of Conduct presents a vision of excellence in aviation maintenance within its seven sections: (1) General Responsibilities of Aviation Maintenance Technicians; (2) Third-Party Safety, (3) Training and Proficiency; (4) Security; (5) Environmental Issues; (6) Use of Technology; and (7) Advancement and Promotion of Aviation Maintenance. The Code of Conduct is a living document, periodically updated to reflect changes in standards, practice, and the aviation environment.

The Aviation Maintenance Technicians Model Code of Conduct is the latest in a family of similar codes, including the Aviators Model Code of Conduct, the Glider Aviators Model Code of Conduct, the Light Sport Aviators Model Code of Conduct, the Seaplane Pilots Model Code of Conduct, and the Student Pilots Model Code of Conduct. Each is available as a free public service along with supporting materials at <www.secureav.com>.

The Code of Conduct’s Drafting Team includes Michael S. Baum, Jeff Gruber, Joseph C. Hawkins, John Hopkins, Ric Peri, Phil Randall, and Don Steinman. The Code of Conduct’s Permanent Editorial Board is presented at <www.secureav.com/PEB.pdf>. For more information about the Code of Conduct, contact <PEB@secureav.com>.
