



About PASS

Safety: Every Step of the Way

Since 1977, the Professional Aviation Safety Specialists (PASS) has represented more than 11,000 employees of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) who install, maintain, support and certify air traffic control and national defense equipment, inspect and oversee the commercial and general aviation industries, develop flight procedures, and perform quality analyses of complex aviation systems used in air traffic control and national defense in the United States and abroad.

PASS members serve as liaisons or subject matter experts on a variety of FAA projects, allowing frontline workers to improve the aviation system. Nearly 900 million air travelers fly throughout the U.S. each year and PASS-represented employees take their work seriously as lives are literally at stake if they don't. And PASS members are honored to have opportunities to have a direct impact on aviation. As the demand for air travel increases, so does the need to maintain the highest level of safety, integrity and reliability of the National Airspace System (NAS). From inspectors who ensure industry compliance with FAA safety standards to systems specialists who protect the safety and efficiency of critical aviation systems, PASS members are focused on safety, every step of the way.

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The CISM Program is a joint initiative that has been designed to help employees represented by PASS effectively manage any stress they may experience following a critical incident. The program is intended to help individuals exposed to critical incidents to identify and cope with their responses to these events. The focus of CISM is to provide reassurance and to minimize the harmful affects of job stress, particularly in crisis or emergency situations.

Since 1995, CISM has had a very positive impact on the employees who have utilized and it is codified in the collective bargaining agreements PASS has with the FAA. FAA employees ensure the safety of millions of aviation passengers every day. Should they ever find themselves experiencing any kind of stress (aviation accident, death in the workplace, for example), they are strongly encouraged to utilize the CISM Program. [Find out more](#)



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Systems Specialists ensure functionality of communications systems, computer systems, navigational aids and power systems vital to safe air travel and the mission of pilots and controllers.

Flight Standards and Manufacturing Aviation Safety Inspectors oversee every aspect of the aviation industry to ensure adherence to FAA regulations and safety standards.

Aeronautical Information Specialists develop, maintain and support instrument flight procedures and a variety of aviation products that enhance industry performance and efficiency in the airspace and on the ground.

Mission Support Service Centers provide occupational safety and quality assurance support, operational oversight, plan infrastructure requirements, provide business consultation, and employee services, training and administrative support.

Flight Inspection Pilots, Mission Specialists and Operations Staff develop and administer services critical to ground- and space-based navigation systems.

Legal Instruments Examiners/Compliance Specialists ensure proper registration of U.S. civil aircraft and certification of airmen.

Engineering Services Employees construct and install the equipment that forms the backbone of the air traffic control system.

Air Traffic Services Employees assist managers and work as management program assistants, cartographers and educational technicians.

Support Staff provide critical services that allow the aviation system to function smoothly.

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