



PASS President Appointed to FAA Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee

PASS National President Mike Perrone has been appointed to the Department of Transportation's (DOT) new Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee (SOCAC).

The SOCAC was established in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act signed into law in October. It will advise the DOT secretary on issues related to the FAA's safety oversight and certification programs.

"The aviation safety inspectors represented by PASS are a critical part of safety oversight and regulation," said President Perrone. "It is imperative that their input is included whenever these issues are discussed."

The FAA's regulatory oversight has come into question in the wake of two crashes of the Boeing 737 Max, which took the lives of 346 people. PASS fought for the language that created the SOCAC long before the first 737 Max accident in October. PASS-represented employees are a key component of the Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) and designee programs and has raised concerns with the rapid expansion of the program over the last decade.

The programs to be considered by the SOCAC include aircraft and flight standards certification processes, oversight of safety management systems, risk-based oversight efforts, and utilization of delegation and designation authorities.

Perrone is one of 20 voting members on the SOCAC, a panel of stakeholders from across the aviation industry.