

John DeLeeuw

Safety Background

John DeLeeuw was the Senior Manager of Flight Safety at American Airlines (AA) for five years. He addressed safety data systems such as Flight Operations Quality Assurance (FOQA), Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP), and Line Operations Safety Audit (LOSA) as integral elements within the safety management system.

He was responsible for the Flight, Cabin, Maintenance, and Dispatch ASAP, as well as the FOQA program at American Airlines. He planned and managed the Corporate Safety Department's efforts to support American Airlines' commitment to be the world leader in airline safety. While working most closely with the Flight department, he interfaced with all AA departments to proactively identify and develop strategies and practices to prevent accidents and incidents. He also acted as the Party Coordinator in the event of a NTSB investigation of an American Airlines incident or accident.

Prior to his management position at American Airlines, John was the Deputy Chairman of the National Safety Committee at the Allied Pilots Association (APA). He was actively involved as the APA Acting Safety Chairman, Lead Accident Investigator for APA, ASAP participant, FOQA participant, and Commercial Aviation Safety Team (CAST) member. He implemented several safety initiatives benefitting the 10,000 American Airlines pilots, and secured assistance during incidents and accidents for AA crew members throughout the world. He participated in several NTSB investigations, and was the designated APA Party Coordinator in four of them. He developed and prepared the joint AA/APA Fatigue Risk Management Plan (FRMP) for FAA certification. He was also involved with FAA Runway Safety Assessment Team (RSAT), and the aviation industry FAA Joint Implementation Measurement and Data Analysis Team (JIMDAT.)

John also currently works with Ascend Coaching. Ascend Coaching is involved in the oil and gas industry, and uses a comprehensive approach to improve safety, and therefore reliability. They also assist rig crewmembers on the fundamentals of operating safely in a high risk / high reliability environment.

Flying Experience

John is a current and qualified pilot on the 787 Dreamliner. Previously, John was a Captain on the MD-80, and accumulated over 12000 hours experience on this aircraft. During his 25 year flying career at American Airlines, he has flown both Domestic and International operations; flying the Boeing 787, the MD80, and the 727. His total flying time at AA is over 15000 hours.

Prior to flying at American Airlines, John was a C-130 Evaluator and Instructor Pilot in the United States Air Force. He participated in Desert Storm and numerous classified Special Operations throughout the world. John worked directly with US Army Special Forces and Navy SEALs flying HALO airdrops, and flying insertions/extractions in combat and covert operations.

Education

University of Southern California, Viterbi School of Engineering

Aviation Safety and Security Certificate

University of Arkansas

Masters in Operations Management, graduating summa cum laude

University of Arizona

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, graduating cum laude