



NTSB / FEMA LARGE-SCALE AVIATION ACCIDENT RESPONSE WORKSHOP SERIES



The Large-scale Aviation Accident Response Workshop Series aims to improve the ability of communities to provide a coordinated response to large-scale aviation accidents occurring beyond airport boundaries. The series examines the coordination and delivery of response capabilities across multiple jurisdictions to affected communities in the aftermath of a commercial passenger airliner's in-flight break-up.

The one-day event features training sessions from the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, followed by a FEMA and community-led facilitated, scenario-driven tabletop workshop. FEMA provides all workshop materials, which are developed in coordination with host jurisdiction planners.

Workshop breakout group discussions focus on four areas: Evolving Response Organization; Debris Management and Evidence Preservation; Patient Tracking and Fatality Management; and Family Assistance and Public Communications. The breakout groups provide outbriefs at the final plenary session, addressing the priorities, challenges, and potential solutions identified for their assigned topics.

Identified jurisdictions (city, county, state, and tribal nations, as appropriate) host each workshop. FEMA works with local and state planners to ensure that each workshop is customized to the needs, goals, and capabilities of the host jurisdiction. Attendees include public safety and emergency response stakeholders at the city, county, state, and tribal levels; non-governmental and private sector organizations (including airlines); medical community partners; federal departments and agencies; consulates; and other stakeholders, as appropriate. Special guests and VIPs are identified by the host jurisdiction. Each workshop is designed to support approximately 100 – 150 participants.

There are five objectives for each workshop:

1. Support investigation of the accident (site assessment, access, and control; evidence collection and preservation; logistical support; sharing of information relevant to the accident investigation; victim accounting process and; mass casualty and mass fatality management).
2. Meet the needs of survivors and families of victims (accident notification; victim accounting; access to information and support services; and personal effects management).
3. Achieve consistent and unified public messaging (identifying appropriate spokespersons; coordinating release of information to the public; and assessing social media challenges).
4. Examine mechanisms to employ and coordinate whole community capabilities (local, state, federal, private, and non-governmental) while achieving unity of effort.
5. Examine existing local, state, and federal capabilities; identify necessary response resources, potential shortfalls, and duplications of effort; and assess the need to develop or revise relevant plans.

A Summary of Conclusions document is produced for each workshop addressing key discussion points, noted strengths, best practices and innovations, and potential areas for improvement.

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