

Airline Dispatchers Federation 2013 Las Vegas, NV

National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA)

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- Staff of 6
 - Director
 - Admin
 - 4 retired controllers
- Technical or Article 48 Representatives
 - 7 based in DC
 - 44 controllers based at their home facilities
- HITL's, Testing and Research projects
 - Over 1000 positions in the last 24 months



Safety for both organizations

- ADF's position description for dispatchers list the word safety or some form of the word in 5 of the 14 descriptions.
 - The fact a dispatcher has joint responsibility with the captain for the safe operation of the flight show the importance of safety for ADF
- NATCA's original slogan was "Safety Above All" and it still applies to many of our initiatives
- NATCA hosts one of the world's largest safety forums each year, Communicating for Safety



How does NATCA and ADF work together?

- NATCA reps at various meetings have worked with representatives of ADF on common issues
 - Most notable is the work with NextGen. ADF President Joseph Miceli works closely with NATCA's NextGen Representative Melvin Davis.
- Projects
 - Terminal Flight Data Manager (TFDM) – This initiative should improve aircraft performance on the ground
 - ERAM – This initiative is about ½ complete but many of the busiest facilities are left to go



Controller knowledge of ADF work

- Many controllers do not know exactly what the job description of an Airline Dispatcher is
 - From the ADF Webpage – An Airline Dispatcher has joint responsibility with the captain for the safety and operational control of flights under his/her guidance.
 - Most controllers are not aware of this type of responsibility being on the dispatcher
- Most facilities for NATCA controllers do not talk directly to the dispatcher so it may contribute to the lack of understanding of the job responsibilities



Where NATCA and ADF have the most interaction

- Flight planning and re-routes
 - Routes filed by dispatchers or given by the Command Center have a direct effect on controllers
 - Controllers have effects on routings based on traffic complexity and airspace limitations
- Takeoff and landing weights can effect the traffic flow if an aircraft needs a longer runway or one more aligned with the wind.
 - Controllers may not realize this data is from the dispatcher



Future work

- NextGen
 - 4-D Trajectory
 - Ground programs such as the PASSUR test going on at BOS
 - Dynamic Airspace
 - Better weather reporting
- Traffic Management Programs
 - Time Based Flow Management (TBFM)
 - Terminal Flight Data Manager (TFDM)



Summary

- NATCA appreciates the invitation to participate in this symposium
- NATCA commits to providing our membership more information on the duties and responsibilities of Airline Dispatchers
- NATCA invites all ADF members to the 2014 Communicating for Safety (CFS) being held from March 4-6, 2014 in Las Vegas at Planet Hollywood
- A positive working relationship between ADF and NATCA is good for aviation



Thank you for your attention!

Questions??????

