

## ***Fly Safe Campaign***



### **MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS**

***Don't become a statistic!***

**NTSB has reported 2 ag accidents including 1 fatal accident so far this year.**

### **PLAN FOR SAFETY AND SUCCESS**

As the season picks up, planning needs to be completed now before the busy part arrives. Customer pressure, getting behind on your workload, and weather setbacks may lead to decisions that focus on just getting the job done rather than safety. Work with your customers now to finalize plans for their application needs. With commodity prices high, aerial applications are expected to be in great demand, but the ongoing supply chain crisis may make it difficult to acquire products. Stress to your customers that you need to know now how many acres they intend to treat to ensure you have sufficient product and enough aircraft and pilots. Organize bringing in help now if it looks like you will have an uptick in work this season. Conversely, if your area is suffering from drought, check now to see if out-of-area operators may need your assistance. Use the NAAA membership directory to find operators in other regions who need or can send pilots or aircraft. Taking care of this now will eliminate stress in the thick of the season when you need all your focus.

Set your personal minimums now and cement them into your flying procedures. As discussed in PAASS this winter, the key to preventing many accidents is avoidance, and setting personal minimums is the key to avoidance. If you become tempted later to alter your minimums because of work pressure, consider how productive an injured pilot and damaged aircraft aren't.

Also talk to your customers about spray additives they expect to use. While adjuvants and foliar fertilizers can increase efficacy and productivity of an application, they can also create situations that need to be considered when planning. Some oils can hang in the air and coat the windshield in subsequent passes. Others can cause foaming and other tank mixing issues. Fertilizers are denser than water, so a load with fertilizer as a partial carrier weighs more than the same load with only water. This must be accounted for when determining a safe take-off weight. Planning increases safety because stress and last-minute business decisions are reduced. Plan now and plan for safety.

### **Check Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs)**

Always check TFR NOTAMs before flying! Make sure you have proof of a preflight TFR briefing from sources such as FSS or <https://www.1800wxbrief.com>.

### **Make a "Fly Safe" Resolution Now!**

Watch your fax or e-mail every other Monday in April and May and every Monday in June, July and August for scheduled issues. Supplemental messages may be sent when additional safety awareness is warranted. To be removed from the "Fly Safe" fax list, please call 202-546-5722 or e-mail [information@agaviation.org](mailto:information@agaviation.org). Let us know if you wish to be removed only from these Fly Safe messages or all faxes or e-mails from the NAAA.