

## ***Fly Safe Campaign***



### **MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS**

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

**NTSB has reported 5 ag accidents including 1 fatal accident so far this year.**

### **A FIRE-RESISTANT FLIGHT SUIT CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE – START WEARING ONE TODAY**

As professional agricultural aviators, you should use any and all available safety equipment to protect yourself and have the greatest chance of surviving an accident. While the majority of agricultural aviators now wear helmets and securely fasten their aircraft's seat belt and harness, one piece of safety equipment that is not as commonplace is a fire-resistant flight suit. Nomex<sup>®</sup>, the material that flight suits are made of, can provide protection against a fire, which could mean the difference between surviving an accident or succumbing to injuries.

From 2010 to 2019, 11% of agricultural aviation accidents involved a fire. Of those accidents where a fire occurred, 41% resulted in a fatality. The one fatal accident in 2020 so far involved a post impact fire that consumed a majority of the fuselage. There is no guarantee that a fire-resistant flight suit would have prevented those deaths. But if having a flight suit gives you an increased chance of surviving an accident, why not wear one?

Nomex<sup>®</sup> is fire resistant, which means that it will burn when a flame is held to it, but as soon as that flame is removed, Nomex<sup>®</sup> will stop burning. It is also a poor conductor of heat and will not melt or drip. A [video](#) demonstrating the difference between Nomex<sup>®</sup> IIIA, cotton, and polycotton blend reveal just how well it works to protect the wearer from flames. PAASS urges you to purchase and wear a fire-resistant flight suit to increase your chances of surviving an accident.

### **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, May, June and August and every Monday in July for scheduled issues. Supplemental messages may be sent when increased flight activity warrants additional safety awareness. 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.