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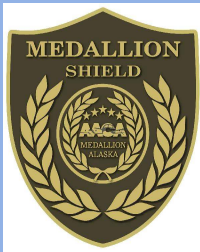
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## "Whatever Happens, Never Happens by Itself"

By Richard Harding, Medallion Foundation President

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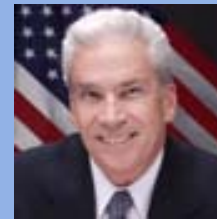
## 2008 Shield & Star Recipients

### Shield Carriers

Alaska Airlines  
Era Aviation  
PenAir  
Taqan Air  
Wings Airways  
Wings of Alaska

### Star Carriers

AeroMetric  
Frontier Flying Service  
Harris Aircraft Services  
Northern Air Cargo  
Smokey Bay Air  
Wright Air



I am very pleased with the direction of the Medallion Foundation since Dennis Ward has taken the helm as Executive Director. We have doubled our number of Shield Carriers and all three of the newest shield members are 135 carriers. An interesting side note is that Shield carriers meet 95% of the Safety Management System requirements that the FAA is soon going to require of 135 carriers.

The foundation is now working with the FAA to possibly do some contract work in Safety Management Systems for Alaskan carriers. This would benefit everyone: The FAA could implement the training much quicker, the carriers would be able to incorporate their current procedures and policies through the Medallion processes, and the Medallion Foundation would have an additional source of revenue.

The revenue necessary to keep the Medallion Foundation operating has been provided by Congress through the FAA because of the foresight of Senator Stevens. Eventually, however, we are going to need to become self-sustaining. To do that, we need buy-in from all of the benefactors of the program.

The flying public is probably the biggest beneficiary of the program and they can support us by using Medallion carriers whenever possible. We try to encourage this through our marketing program but would like to see carriers get more active in displaying the Medallion logo in their advertising. The State, The FAA, Insurance underwriters, and the carriers themselves all benefit from the

<http://medallionfoundation.org/PressReleases.html>

For a complete list of current Shield & Star Carriers

[www.MedallionFoundation.org](http://www.MedallionFoundation.org)

### QUICK LINKS

Safety Arcticles & Proclamation from Governor Palin

<http://www.gov.state.ak.us/archive.php?id=1378&type=6>

<http://employees.faa.gov/news/focusfaa/story/?newsId=56792>

[http://www.alaskajournal.com/stories/072008/tra\\_20080720025.shtml](http://www.alaskajournal.com/stories/072008/tra_20080720025.shtml)

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program, however, they also need to provide help in keeping the program sustainable.

To offset a small portion of our costs, we have started charging a nominal fee for training classes. Prior to the fee for attendance we experienced a high no-show factor. There was an impression that there was always going to be another free class later. Now no-shows have to pay, so there is a financial incentive to attend. The attendance has been much better and we are now able to better schedule our resources and be more economically accountable.

Accountability is crucial to our long-term sustainability and quality of the services we provide. The difference between the services we provide and other safety programs is that we incorporate "best practices" into the operator's existing procedures; procedures with which they are already familiar and successful.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, an independent study had been done, prepared for NIOSH, which demonstrated the success we have had and was completed in 2005. We are looking to have that study brought current.

In conclusion, the Board of Directors is very pleased with the direction the Medallion Foundation is going. Jerry Dennis made some substantial cuts in the budget and economies in personnel usage and Dennis Ward has been successful, with the help of his dedicated staff, in assuring the continued integrity of the program within those economic constraints.

### CFI/DPE Updates

Spencer Years, Program Manager

The CFI/DPE Initiative Program was established for two primary reasons: a) To provide an opportunity and forum for CFI's and DPE's to collaborate and provide input towards developing and implementing intervention





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strategies aimed at reducing general aviation accidents in Alaska and b) To

ensure intervention strategies and corrective actions are moved forward and completed.



The project involves a four-step process:

1. Using portions of the TapRoot<sup>®</sup> analysis process to review Alaskan aviation accidents and determine the root causes of those accidents.
2. Transforming identified root causes into interventions, corrective actions, and associated training scenarios.
3. Implementing the training scenarios for utilization in our motion-based (3-degree of freedom) PA18 Piper Cub simulator and making the scenarios available for CFI's and their student pilots.
4. Validating and measuring the knowledge and skill gained after completing the training scenarios in the simulator.

The over-riding theory of the CFI/DPE program is to reduce general aviation accidents through more focused aeronautical decision making, a better understanding and application of practical test standards (PTS) for pilot certificates, and viewing the PTS as a minimum standard applicable before and after the checkride.

The PA18 simulator is currently available free of charge and will be utilized for scenario-based training. We currently have a Moose Hunting scenario focused on the takeoff and landing phase of flight. We are currently working on developing other scenarios as well as online training tutorials. Updates will be posted online. Please visit our website for more information on the program

<http://medallionfoundation.org/Requirements.asp>

## ATD Upgrades

Steve Farring, Medallion's ATD Technician

### Included in the ATD Upgrade:

- Dell 720 XPS Computers with Quad Core Intel Q660 processors
- 22" widescreen monitors
- Flight Simulator X (featuring higher resolution visuals) this is the upgrade for Flight Simulator 2004
- E-Terra (high resolution) new scenery areas: Skagway, Juneau, Kodiak, Anchorage, Mat-Su, Kenai & Seward

Locations that have some upgrades: Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau & Talkeetna

Remaining Locations: Bethel, Kenai, Homer, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Palmer

Timeline: The goal is to have the all ATD locations upgraded by the end of September.

Coming this fall...

Juneau, Fairbanks & Anchorage

System Safety Class

Please check the website for updates and future classes.

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