

Safety Update:

We had a Joint Council Committee meeting in Honolulu. Mike and Wes were able to attend and I think we had a great discussion about several issues. We first listened into a conference call between AFA and NIOSH (National Institute for Safety and Health) about the Zika Virus. The CDC has just launched a website to answer questions. (www.cdc.gov/zika). This website has all the latest info and answers to any questions you might have.

We also discussed fumes in the cabin. It is important to report any unusual odors to the F/D, and WBAT it. Notice when and where in the cabin you smell it and if you can describe the odor. Should you have symptoms like headaches, dizziness, or any other unusual symptoms, WBAT it and see your Dr. The HALAFA website has more information and forms to take to your Dr.

Since WBAT was introduced several years ago, we have been working with the Company to improve reporting of Safety Issues. If you report it electronically we are able to gather the information faster if you check the box SEND TO AFA. Through the use of WBAT the committee has been able to implement several policy changes that impact our flights daily. One of the many changes has been a policy change regarding Service Animals. The Agents have a defined policy that is a 4 page question and answer document that must be gone over with the pet owner before the pet boards the A/C. The WBAT's received by the Company were very important in making this change.

At the most recent SMS meeting we discussed cart safety. This has been a challenge for the committee as it was our 1st issue when the committee started. I would like to ask everyone's help. The Company has decided to use "cart injuries" to develop a program. Unfortunately, this issue has always been the carts not working properly in addition to cart injuries. I am asking if you have a broken cart please WBAT it electronically checking the AFA box. That way the committee has the info to show the Company it is broken carts that are a big part of the issue.

Gina is looking for volunteers for the LAX ERT Team. This is a LAX station Emergency Response Team. If you are interested, please get in touch with Gina or me to get more info and sign up.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me *at my new email*, LAX47ashs@gmail.com. Fly Safe Linda