

Nomination for Significant Contribution to Aviation Safety Award

Nominee's Full Name: **CARIBBEAN FLORIDA WATER SCIENCE CENTER**

Narrative of the event and actions taken (this will be the official narrative that accompanies the plaque):

For many years, the Caribbean Florida Water Science Center (CFWSC) has been an exemplary leader in the aviation safety program. In recognition of these efforts, CFWSC is awarded the DOI Award for Significant Contribution to Aviation Safety.

The Science Center Director, Administrative staff, Field Office Chiefs, Data Chief, Collateral Duty Aviation Safety Program Coordinator, supervisors and employees have been diligent with their detailed Project Aviation Safety Plans, maintaining training currency, and overall aviation safety awareness. This emphasis on aviation safety is truly a part of their business model and is an essential part of the safety culture of the science center.

In January, 2016, the CFWSC was recognized by the Office of Aviation Services, Safety and Program Evaluation Division, Aviation Program Evaluation Specialists for having a: **"strong aviation program at their Science Center. Best practices were observed in the area of training where Coastal Florida Water Science Center employees completed S-271 Helicopter Crewmember training and RT-271 Helicopter Crewmember Refreshers annually along with OPM 04 Aircrew Member training requirements."**

Their best practices, especially in aviation safety training to a higher level than is required, will serve as a model for other science centers to emulate.

Thank you for your continuing aviation safety excellence.

Reference: 352 DM 4 (excerpt)

4.6 **Processing and Approval.** All nominations, except Airwards (refer to paragraph 4.11D), will be processed through the respective Bureau National Aviation Manager/Aviation Safety Manager or their

designee through the NBC AMD Aviation Safety Manager for eligibility verification, then reviewed for approval by the Bureau's DOI Aviation Management Board of Directors (ABOD) member.

4.9 **Award for Significant Contribution to Aviation Safety.** This award is established to recognize an individual, group, or organization for a significant contribution to aviation safety or aircraft accident prevention within DOI. This award is restricted to DOI employees

A. Standard. Any individual having knowledge of the significant contribution may submit a nomination.

B. Criteria.

(1) The circumstances being presented must clearly demonstrate a significant contribution to aviation safety or aircraft accident prevention effort within DOI.

(2) The circumstances being considered must be verified and attested to for the substance and accuracy of the proposal by individual(s) other than those being considered for the award.

C. Awards. An appropriate recognition item shall be given to the individual(s).

D. Procedures. Nominations for this award will be in narrative form identifying, in detail, the act or service to be considered and why the act or service is deserving of recognition.

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Nominee's Full Name: **WASHINGTON WATER SCIENCE CENTER**

Narrative of the event and actions taken (this will be the official narrative that accompanies the plaque):

For many years, the Washington Water Science Center (WAWSC) has been an exemplary leader in aviation safety. In recognition of these efforts, WAWSC is awarded the DOI Award for Significant Contribution to Aviation Safety.

The Science Center Director, Administrative staff, Field Office Chief, Data Chief, Collateral Duty Aviation Safety Program Coordinator, supervisors and employees have been diligent with their detailed Center and Project Aviation Safety Plans, maintaining training currency, and overall aviation safety awareness. This emphasis on aviation safety is truly a part of their business model and is an essential part of the safety culture of the science center.

In February, 2017, the WAWSC was recognized by the Office of Aviation Services, Safety, Training and Program Evaluation Division, Aviation Program Evaluation Specialist for having a: "**strong aviation program at their Science Center, especially in the areas of Administration Oversight, Project Planning, Interagency Aviation Training Proficiency. Science Center employees completed S-271 Helicopter Crewmember training. Completing training above and beyond the DOI requirements should be noted.**"

Their best practices in preparation for and natural disaster relief assistance and emergency flight protocol, will serve as a model for other science centers to emulate.

Thank you for your continuing aviation safety excellence.

Reference: 352 DM 4 (excerpt)

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A. Standard. Any individual having knowledge of the significant contribution may submit a nomination.

B. Criteria.

(1) The circumstances being presented must clearly demonstrate a significant contribution to aviation safety or aircraft accident prevention effort within DOI.

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C. Awards. An appropriate recognition item shall be given to the individual(s).

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Nominee's Full Name: **WYOMING MONTANA WATER SCIENCE CENTER**

Narrative of the event and actions taken (this will be the official narrative that accompanies the plaque):

The Wyoming Montana Water Science Center (WYMTWSC) has been an exemplary leader in aviation safety. In recognition of these efforts, WYMTWSC is awarded the DOI Award for Significant Contribution to Aviation Safety.

The Science Center Director, Administrative staff, Field Office Chiefs, Data Chief, Collateral Duty Aviation Safety Program Coordinator, supervisors and employees have been diligent with their detailed Project Aviation Safety Plans, maintaining training currency, and overall aviation safety awareness. This emphasis on aviation safety is truly a part of their business model and is an essential part of the safety culture of the science center.

In February, 2017, the WYMTWSC was recognized by the Office of Aviation Services, Safety and Program Evaluation Division, Aviation Program Evaluation Specialists for having a: **"strong aviation program at their Science Center. Best practices in the Project Planning, especially in their flight following protocol and survival equipment preparations will serve as a model for other science centers to emulate. Interagency Aviation Training Proficiency should also be noted.**

Thank you for your continuing aviation safety excellence.

Reference: 352 DM 4 (excerpt)

4.6 **Processing and Approval.** All nominations, except Airwards (refer to paragraph 4.11D), will be processed through the respective Bureau National Aviation Manager/Aviation Safety Manager or their

designee through the NBC AMD Aviation Safety Manager for eligibility verification, then reviewed for approval by the Bureau's DOI Aviation Management Board of Directors (ABOD) member.

4.9 **Award for Significant Contribution to Aviation Safety.** This award is established to recognize an individual, group, or organization for a significant contribution to aviation safety or aircraft accident prevention within DOI. This award is restricted to DOI employees

A. Standard. Any individual having knowledge of the significant contribution may submit a nomination.

B. Criteria.

(1) The circumstances being presented must clearly demonstrate a significant contribution to aviation safety or aircraft accident prevention effort within DOI.

(2) The circumstances being considered must be verified and attested to for the substance and accuracy of the proposal by individual(s) other than those being considered for the award.

C. Awards. An appropriate recognition item shall be given to the individual(s).

D. Procedures. Nominations for this award will be in narrative form identifying, in detail, the act or service to be considered and why the act or service is deserving of recognition.

Airwards (paragraph 4.11).

4.5 Responsibilities.

A. National Business Center (NBC), Aviation Management Directorate (AMD), Aviation Safety Manager. The NBC AMD Aviation Safety Manager is responsible for the overall administration of the DOI Aviation Safety Awards Program.

B. Bureau Aviation Manager. The Bureau Aviation Managers are responsible for the supervision of the Aviation Safety Awards Program within their respective bureau.

C. Bureau Aviation Safety Manager or Designee. The Bureau Aviation Safety Manager or their designee will promote the Awards Program within their bureau and implement procedures to collect and verify nominee eligibility.

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4.11 **Airwards.** This award is established to provide timely recognition to any individual who has demonstrated positive behavior or actions promoting DOI aviation safety, such as correcting a hazardous situation, submitting a good idea, or just making a difference.

A. Standard. Any individual having sufficient knowledge of the individual's action may submit a nomination.

B. Criteria. The circumstances surrounding the event should be clearly documented, using a letter, memorandum, e-mail, SAFECOM (AMD-34, www.safecom.gov), or other form of documentation, providing sufficient detail to support an Airward nomination.

C. Award. The recipient will receive an Airward Certificate along with an embroidered baseball cap.

D. Procedures. Along with the nomination, a photograph of the recipient and a short paragraph, suitable for publication in the *Airward News* (<http://amd.nbc.gov/safety/airwards>), should be submitted to the Bureau Aviation Safety Manager or the NBC AMD Aviation Safety Office. The Bureau Aviation Safety Manager or designee will review the award and is encouraged to provide additional correspondence, such as a letter of appreciation, to accompany the Airward Certificate. The NBC AMD Aviation Safety Manager will determine if the nomination meets the criteria of the Airwards program. If the nomination is valid, the individual's Airward Certificate will be forwarded to the recipient's Aviation Safety Manager or

supervisor for formal presentation. The NBC AMD Aviation Safety Office will promote and publicize the awards and maintain a record of all Airward recipients.

Doug Ott, the USGS Idaho Water Science Center (IDWSC) Boise Field Office Chief, is recognized for leading aviation safety planning and coordination and for promoting a positive safety culture. Doug oversees personnel who fly into remote airstrips in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. Doug's experience and attention to detail has led to many successful and safe missions. He prepared the Center's Aviation Management Plan, Project Aviation Safety Plans, Mishap Response Plans, and emergency cooperative flight preparedness plans. Doug serves as the unit aviation training administrator, aviation coordinator, and subject matter expert. Even during the high workload time of spring floods in 2017, Doug organized and prepared management, administrative, and field staffs for a DOI-OAS program evaluation. That evaluation resulted in the IDWSC receiving high marks for its aviation program. Doug leads by example and lives by the guiding principles of aviation safety. He inspires coworkers at all levels to excellence in safe working practices.