

The Strategic Connection

PARAGON CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON SAFETY



Paragon Aviation Group Continues FBO Safety Efforts in 2024

Safety is one of the five pillars that Paragon Aviation Group® considers mandatory for their FBOs to possess. Along with quality, reliability, value, and service, each FBO and handling location in The Paragon Network® must maintain NATA Safety 1st Certified status, IS-BAH Certified status, or uphold an equivalent program certification.

Paragon continues its unwavering commitment to safety by funding an Online Safety Officer (OSO) Program for all network FBOs worldwide for the fourth consecutive year. The OSO Program provides consistent, industry-leading safety communication, training, and regulatory compliance through monthly safety meetings. Regardless of the FBO's size, staffing level, or stage of SMS, the program offers a complete framework for an effective safety promotion and communication program meeting several IS-BAH and SMS requirements.

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PARAGON NETWORK FBOs BECOME CERTIFIED IN GULFSTREAM HANDLING

The Paragon Network® is proud to announce that seven FBOs have successfully completed the comprehensive ground handling and servicing training for Gulfstream aircraft. ProJet Aviation (KYJO), MAGNUM FBOs in Bratislava (LZIB) and Vienna (LOWW), and all the ExecuJet Spain locations – Barcelona (LEBL), Girona (LEGE), Ibiza (LEIB), and Valencia (LEVC) demonstrated exceptional dedication by completing both mid-cabin and large-cabin training modules.

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GGT Welcomes Elder Giovanni Mejia, Director of Business Development

With an extensive background encompassing 13 years of invaluable experience in aviation, Elder brings a wealth of expertise to GGT WORLDWISE, specifically focusing on secure transportation and corporate security.

Throughout his career, Elder has consistently demonstrated an exceptional understanding of the nuances within the aviation industry, coupled with a dedicated focus on ensuring the highest standards of security and excellence. His insights and strategic vision will undoubtedly elevate business development initiatives, steering GGT toward new horizons and expanded opportunities.

Elder's commitment to innovation and his proven track record in developing robust business strategies align perfectly with GGT WORLDWISE's mission of delivering exceptional services to clients globally. His leadership will be instrumental in fostering new partnerships and driving growth in the dynamic landscape of secure transportation and corporate security.

Please join GGT in extending a warm welcome to Elder Giovanni Mejia. GGT is excited about the expertise and perspective he brings to the team and looks forward to the continued success and growth under his guidance.

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Hundreds of articles have been written about dry leases and their potential pitfalls with respect to operational control and FAA regulatory compliance, but are dry leases of aircraft truly always bad? Since this article is written by a lawyer, the answer is, of course, "it depends". Obviously, dry leases that are thinly veiled attempts to conduct illegal air charter are problematic, but there are numerous situations where a dry lease is the appropriate answer. Insurance companies and loan officers have read enough articles warning about dry leases that there is a nearly instinctual reaction to deny even valid dry leases. However, today, let's discuss some appropriate uses of dry leases.

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Winter Resins and Safety Implications

Aviation already has inherent safety challenges. Winter operations pose an additional layer of hazards that simply warrant more diligence and planning to maintain a safe environment for your passengers and workforce alike.

Harsh weather, cold temperatures, icing, and snow can, of course, impact flight safety. It can also impact passenger logistics boarding the aircraft, maintenance and line support techs servicing the aircraft, and other third-party service provider's ability to deliver their part of the business travel experience. Most of the year with good weather, these items go off without a hitch, but the winter operations can see an uptick of problems that are worth reviewing with your team as we start the winter months in the Northern Hemisphere.

Don't forget secondary impacts such as delays of any kind that can lead to extended duty times and bumping up against duty limits. Cold and flu season can lead to staff shortages resulting in an uptick in fatigue issues and staff burnout. These are not insurmountable, but as you read this, consider if your flight department has started to consider the planning and preparedness for these sorts of situations.

Use your SMS program to review the types of safety issues you experienced the last couple of winter seasons, revisit any aspects of winter operations in your manuals, and refresh winter ops training with your whole team. Even communicate with your passengers about the role they too can play to ensure a safe flight for everyone.

Contact sales@polarisaero.com if you'd like to learn more about how VOCUS SMS can be utilized to tune your safety program not only for winter ops, but for the entirety of your flying mission. Visit Polaris Aero's [website](#) to sign up for their newsletter.

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