

AIR SAFETY IS AT RISK

PASS members are dedicated to ensuring your safety whenever you fly—but there are threats to that protection. At the forefront is **privatization** and the government's plan to contract out important safety-related work to the private sector. The United States has the world's safest aviation system and FAA systems specialists are the only workforce trained and capable of solving the unique problems associated with air traffic safety issues. Why would the government want to jeopardize that by outsourcing the important work PASS members perform?

How does privatization affect your safety?

- Private contractors **lack the skills, training and knowledge** to comprehend the delicate balance that makes up the aviation system.
- Contractors are based in profit. Outsourcing the safety-related positions of the aviation system **intensifies costs and decreases efficiency.**
- A contractor simply cannot understand the effect they can have on the whole system and on the safety of the flying public.
- Privatization has been attempted in other countries with less advanced aviation systems with **disastrous results.**
- Contracting out these positions **increases the amount of time** needed to complete the work. In the best of situations, this ineptness would **only** cause flight delays or extended travel time.

The bottom line is that **PASS members inspect and maintain the safest air traffic system in the world**—outsourcing that responsibility threatens the safety of the American flying public.

Privatization prevents PASS members from performing their jobs: protecting the safety of the American flying public.

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PASS MEMBERS ARE BEHIND THE SCENES
ENSURING YOUR SAFETY.



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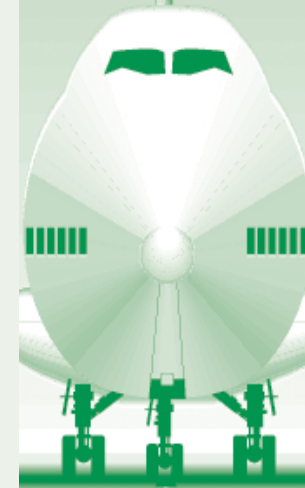
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WHAT DOES PASS DO FOR YOU?

Simply put, PASS ensures the safety of the flying public. Whenever you fly, PASS members are working for you. The United States enjoys the safest air traffic system in the world because dedicated PASS members are committed to protecting the safety of the American flying public.

How does PASS keep you safe?

PASS members are always with you when you fly. They are involved in every aspect of your air travel experience. From inspecting your plane and navigational systems to maintaining important air traffic control systems, PASS ensures your safety.

PASS members...

- Oversee and inspect the commercial and general aviation industries.
- Ensure all aviation systems, procedures and equipment are adhering to technical and safety standards.
- Maintain the thousands of systems and pieces of equipment that comprise the National Airspace System.
- Efficiently repair a system when there is a problem, all the while measuring the impact on the complete aviation system.
- Provide valuable input into the design and monitor the deployment of new air traffic systems to make sure that they do not compromise aviation safety.
- Work to inform the public and Congress about the vital role PASS members play in aviation safety and the need for better aviation safety standards and equipment.

WHO IS PASS?

Since 1977, the Professional Airways Systems Specialists (PASS) has served as the exclusive representative for more than 12,000 employees of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Department of Defense (DoD) throughout the United States. **Through a variety of roles, these federal employees are dedicated to maintaining and protecting the safety and efficiency of the United States aviation system—the safest air traffic control system in the world.**

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Systems specialists and technicians:

Airway transportation systems specialists and technicians, install, repair, maintain, operate and certify the complex systems used in air traffic control and national defense for over 50,000 pieces of equipment at over 6,000 locations.

How do they keep you safe? Systems specialists ensure that the delicate balance of equipment and systems that make up the aviation system are functioning properly together and independently—**guiding over 200,000 commercial flights safely everyday.**


Aviation safety inspectors: Aviation safety inspectors and support staff of the FAA's Flight Standards division and Manufacturing Inspection District Offices are responsible for ensuring civil aviation safety standards by developing, administering and enforcing regulations and standards.

How do they keep you safe? Inspectors and support personnel oversee and inspect every aspect of the commercial and general aviation industries, performing **more than 750,000 safety inspections each year!** They are responsible for ensuring that the equipment, procedures and systems that make up your travel experience adhere to safety standards and regulations.

Flight inspection pilots, procedure development specialists and airborne technicians from the Office of Aviation System Standards:

These federal employees are responsible for the standard design, development and flight inspection services for ground- and space-based navigation systems worldwide.

How do they keep you safe? Federal employees at the Office of Aviation System Standards **ensure the integrity of the instrument procedures and airways at more than 5,500 facilities throughout the world,** performing a variety of roles to keep air travelers safe.

 Visit www.passnational.org to learn about the countless number of ways PASS members work to protect the integrity of the United States aviation system and the security of the American flying public. Remember, whenever you fly, PASS ensures your safety.