The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators North America joins the Flight Safety Foundation in supporting the Royal Aeronautical Society efforts to address in-flight fire issues in aircraft

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The North American Region of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators today announced their support of the Royal Aeronautical Society’s effort to improve aviation safety by addressing in-flight issues.

In-flight fire is a threat to passenger and cargo aircraft worldwide. The proliferation of lithium batteries in personal electronic devices has increased these risks. The Royal Aeronautical Society’s Flight Operations Group released a Specialist Document “Smoke and Fire in Transport Aircraft 2013” in February 2013 detailing these risks and making twenty-four recommendations.

In March 2013 the Flight Safety Foundation, the world premier aviation safety organization, announced their support and endorsement of the Society’s efforts.

Captain Kevin Hiatt, the CEO of the Foundation said, “The Flight Safety Foundation supports the recommendations in this document which provides clear directions not only to maintain today’s level of safety but also to improve it. Adoption of the recommendations will decrease the likelihood of an in-flight smoke or fire event and the severity of the consequences should one occur.”

Today David Jurkowski, the Chairman of the Guild North America said “We join Captain Hiatt and the Foundation in support of the important work done by the Society. Improving aviation safety is our primary concern and we believe the adoption of the recommendations would do that.”

The Guild North America is a group of aviation experts in Canada and the United States formed as a branch the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators in the United Kingdom, and a livery company in the City of London.

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