



The Honorable
Christopher A. Hart
Vice Chairman

NTSB Basics

- “Independent” agency, 5 Members
- Conclusions from facts, not politics
- Members are political appointees, not investigators
- Members vote on conclusions, findings, probable cause(s), recommendations



NTSB On-Scene

- NTSB usually in charge of investigation
 - Sometimes Coast Guard in charge
- Exception: Criminal activity
 - NTSB requests FBI to take over
 - Facts no longer freely disclosed



NTSB Board Member On-Scene



Role of On-Scene Member

- Primary role is media liaison
- Facts are very sensitive, important to have NTSB as the only source
 - Correct
 - In context
- Important to avoid speculation
- Member preparation includes history of similar accidents, recommendations



After On-Scene

- On-Scene Member no longer serves as media liaison
- Facts placed in public docket
- Media liaison is through Public Affairs
 - PA may choose to include Chairman



Thank You

Questions?



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