



Captain's Authority

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Captain's Authority is...

- ▶ Exercising the role of “Pilot in Command”
 - Adherence to FARs and SOPs
 - Sound decision making
 - Knowledge, experience, judgment
 - Effectively managing all resources (CRM)
- ▶ Impacted by corporate culture
 - Captain's Authority erosion, turmoil



ALPA's Ongoing Role

- ▶ ALPA Code of Ethics – Est. in 1956
 - Operators “responsibility?”
- ▶ Stakeholder, working across all boundaries – with government, industry, and operators
- ▶ Continual focus on the importance of professionalism



Preparing Professionals

- ▶ Professionalism must be integral to the academic and practical certification requirements of all pilot licensing
- ▶ Precepts of AQP must be part of all pilot training
- ▶ Standards must be raised
- ▶ Supply and demand cannot be allowed to dictate standards



Mentoring the Future

- ▶ ALPA is taking the lead in reaching out to our future professional pilots in academia
- ▶ Our message to high school and college students is that in order to be a professional pilot, they need: education, experience, ethics, integrity, leadership, communication skills, and personality



ALPA's Continued Commitment

- ▶ Code of Ethics distributed
- ▶ March 2010 magazine on professionalism
- ▶ Work with UAA and AABI
- ▶ White paper on professional pilots
- ▶ Work with FAA and Congress
- ▶ Advocating mentoring programs



ALPA's Challenge to the Industry

- ▶ Don't undermine efforts
- ▶ All parties need a Code of Ethics
- ▶ Operators must ensure an effective corporate culture
- ▶ Mentoring programs at all Part 121 carriers





Thank You

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