

Dr. Paul Schuda

Director, NTSB Training Center

Dr. Paul F. Schuda was appointed the Director of the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia in 2007. The threefold mission of the Training Center is to 1) train our investigative staff, 2) train our investigative partners and 3) recover the costs associated with the facility. He is responsible for the oversight of all external and internal staff training at the NTSB, as well as the variety of investigation courses that the NTSB offers each year, that are open to the public.

Prior to his current assignment, Dr. Schuda served in a variety of positions at the NTSB that included Director of Planning and Operations, Chief Security Officer, and Chief of the Hazardous Material Division. Before coming to the NTSB, he was the Deputy Director of the Policy and Special Projects Staff at the EPA where he was a Congressional Liaison and responsible for Endangered Species protection, and pesticide disposal regulations.

Dr. Schuda has held high level and leadership positions in the Federal Government, industry and academia. He was a Professor of Chemistry at the University of Maryland at College Park where he taught graduate and undergraduate classes in Organic Chemistry, and ran a highly successful research program that resulted in 19 papers in peer reviewed professional publications. Dr. Schuda also worked in private industry for several pharmaceuticals companies.

Dr. Schuda was educated at the University of Pittsburgh, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has B.S. in Chemistry (Magna cum Laude) and a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry. He is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute (FEI) leadership course "Leadership for a Democratic Society – Class 173".

During his career Dr. Schuda has received the following honors and awards: the Chancellor's Undergraduate Teaching Fellowship, election to Phi Beta Kappa, National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellowship, graduation Magna cum Laude, various NIH research grants, and two EPA Gold Medals for Exceptional Service. Dr. Schuda is an active General Aviation Commercial Pilot with Instrument rating, and is a Certificated Flight Instructor and Certificated Flight Instructor Instruments (CFI/CFII), an Advanced Ground Instructor, and a member of the FAA Safety Team (FAAST) with the Washington FSDO. He flies as a volunteer with the Civil Air Patrol – US Air Force Auxiliary in the National Capital Wing where he is the STAN-EVAL Officer as well as a Check Pilot and Check Pilot Examiner.