

SkyWest Airlines Names David W. Faddis Director - SkyWest Operations Safety and Compliance  
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Airline Expands Safety Division

SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ:SKYW) , is pleased to name David W. Faddis as director of its enhanced SkyWest operations safety and compliance department, effective March 10. Faddis takes on the position as the airline centralizes and expands the scope of its safety department to further align its programs with its safety first culture. In the new role, Faddis will report to Russell "Chip" Childs, SkyWest Airlines president and chief operating officer, and will be responsible for all safety and security programs, auditing and compliance throughout the airline's operation, including flight operations, maintenance, ground operations and passenger safety. He will manage the airline's emergency response, audit and internal evaluation programs, and will oversee development and implementation of procedures and training to ensure the highest possible level of safety and security throughout the company's operation.

"SkyWest has always been a safety-first airline, and centralizing an enhanced safety division emphasizes our commitment to our fundamental guiding principal," said Childs. "As we expand our safety department's scope, I'm confident Dave's extensive operational background, industry experience, and his proactive management will further SkyWest's ongoing commitment to safety."

Faddis began his SkyWest career as a line pilot in 1986. He has held various management positions including flight instructor, designated examiner, EMB and CRJ flight manager, manager -- aircraft operations, and most recently director -- flight training and standards.

Faddis has served on several industry committees, and has been involved in aircraft technical and developmental projects. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Southern Utah University. He and his wife, Stacy, live in Cedar City, Utah and are the parents of four children.

SkyWest Airlines is the world's largest independently-owned regional airline. SkyWest was awarded the FAA's AMT Gold Award for maintenance training in 2004 and 2005, and the AMT Diamond award in 2006. System-wide, SkyWest employs more than 11,000 aviation professionals and serves a total of 156 cities in 43 states, five Canadian provinces and Mexico with more than 1,700 daily departures.

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