Public Benefit Flying: Balancing Safety and Compassion

PERSONAL MINIMUMS CHECKLIST

☐ GENERAL AIRCRAFT EXPERIENCE
  ☐ Single-engine fixed-gear: ___ hours in past ___ months
  ☐ Single-engine retractable-gear: ___ hours in past ___ months
  ☐ Multiengine: ___ hours in past ___ months

☐ OPERATIONAL CURRENCY / PROFICIENCY
  ☐ Flight review within previous ___ months
  ☐ Day landings: ___ landings in previous ___ days
  ☐ Night landings: ___ night landings in previous ___ days
  ☐ IFR: ___ instrument hours and ___ instrument approaches in the past ___ days/months

☐ WEATHER CONDITIONS
  ☐ VFR: Ceiling ___ feet/visibility ___ miles
  ☐ IFR – Departure: Ceiling ___ feet/visibility ___ miles
  ☐ IFR – Arrival: Ceiling ___ feet/visibility ___ miles
  ☐ Crosswind component: No more than ___ knots

☐ FUEL RESERVE
  ☐ Day VFR: ___ hour(s) ___ minutes
  ☐ Night VFR: ___ hour(s) ___ minutes
  ☐ IFR: ___ hour(s) ___ minutes

☐ OTHER
  ☐ Rest: ___ hours of rest (sleep and relaxation) in previous 24 hours

COMPASSION CALL SIGN

FAA FLIGHT PLAN
  • Block 2: ICAO identifier CMF and last three tail number characters
  • Block 11: COMPASSION and full aircraft identifier

Example, for N7371G, enter CMF71G in aircraft identification block and COMPASSION N7371G VOLUNTEER FLYERS (and additional remarks) in remarks block

RADIO CALL
  • On initial contact use “COMPASSION” and aircraft identifier in flight plan

Example, “City Approach, COMPASSION Seven One Golf level at three thousand”

IN-FLIGHT MEDICAL EMERGENCY
  • Declare emergency with ATC (get priority handling)
  • Use LIFEGUARD call sign for a sudden medical emergency (to expedite medical assistance after landing at nearest airport)

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## BRIEFINGS CHECKLISTS

### FIRST CALL
- Contact details/appointment time
- FBO/meeting time
- Cancellation reasons/back up plan
- Lack of inflight toilet facilities
- Inflight comforts (sunglasses/reading material/sweater)
- Observation flights: maps, minimum altitude/visibility

### CONFIRM DETAILS AND SPECIAL NEEDS
- Passengers/baggage (numbers/weights)
- Supplemental oxygen (FAA approved)
- Approved child restraint seats
- Step stool to enter/exit aircraft
- Wheelchair needs
- Animals: secured/walked prior to flight
- Observation flights: photography/video equipment, doors removed

### IDENTIFY FLYING EXPERIENCE
- GA flying/safety explanation
- Assistant (base on passengers’ anxiety level)

### PREFLIGHT BRIEFING
- Welcome cards/forms to be signed
- Weather forecast update (flight conditions/changes to ETE)
- Ramp safety (spinning propellers/escort passengers)
- Safe aircraft boarding/exiting (handholds/stepping areas)
- Sterile cockpit (takeoff/landing)
- ATC communication/mute intercom at times
- Engine/gear sounds (climb/cruise/descent and gear retraction/extension)

### CABIN BRIEFING
- How to adjust/lock seats (especially important right front seat passenger)
- Seatbelts (shoulder harness if installed):
  - How to fasten/unfasten
  - Fastened before taxi/takeoff/landing
  - Keep latched in flight
  - Secure toddler car seats
- Questions?

### SICK SACKS AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
- Speak up if feeling ill
- Sick sacks/emergency exits/windows/emergency equipment locations
- How to open/close doors
- Rapid aircraft evacuation procedures
- Parachute equipped aircraft: emergency deployment

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