



FAA Production Studio News

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Production Studio Crew Honored in Atlanta

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Thursday, July 17, 2003 was a very special day for the FAA Production Studio Crew. We received an invitation from the Southern Region Headquarters to attend the "Southern Region Flight Standards Employees Recognition Awards" Luncheon in Atlanta, Georgia.

(Photo Top R - L-R: Dr. Bill Lowry, Production Crew; Cheryl DeFilippo, Production Studio Public Relations; Ernie Strange, President Florida Aviation Safety Foundation; Obie Young, Studio Director; Sandy Fuller, Production Crew; Hugh Hardy, Studio Technical Director; Mary Myers, Production Crew; Kathy Mawer, Production Crew)

The "Star-Quality Award" was presented to Obie Young and the FAA Production Studio Crew for their commitment to Quality, Service and Productivity.

(Photo Right: Obie Young, Studio Director receives "Star Quality Award" from Mr. Fred Walker, Division Manager Flight Standards)

Each year the Orlando FSDO recognizes and makes nominations for special achievements and outstanding performance in several categories. This past year Mr. Ben Coleman felt that Obie Young and the Production Crew were deserving of such an award.

The Crew was honored to win at the Local Level and each crew member was presented with individual certificates of the award. The nomination then went on to be considered on the Regional Level and was recognized and awarded honors from the Region.

(Photo Right: L-R: Cheryl DeFilippo; Augie Casado, Supervisor Unit 2, Orlando FSDO; Fred Walker, Division Manager Flight Standards; Ernie Strange, President Florida Aviation Safety Foundation; Ms. Dawn Veatch, Asst. Division Manager Flight Standards; Obie Young, Studio Director)



It was indeed a pleasure to meet many of the wonderful people at the Region. The luncheon and awards presentation was wonderful and came off without a hitch due to the hard work and planning of a great committee headed up by Valda Lewis, Southern Region Program Coordinator.

Many thanks go to Mary Myers, Kathy Mawer and Angelia Hurst from the Orlando FSDO for all their hard work and help with the luncheon and planning of the awards event.

Buz Massengale, SPM, Tampa was our master of ceremonies. He depicted each award nominee and described the dedication, hard work and talent of each winner. Mr. Fred Walker, Division Manager and Ms. Dawn Veatch, Assistant Division Manager, presented each award to the proud recipients from all over the region. Out of 96 outstanding and deserving nominations for the awards 25 were awarded.

Dr. Bill Lowry, Sandy Fuller, Ernie Strange, Mary Myers, Kathy Mawer, Ben Coleman, Obie Young, Hugh Hardy and Cheryl DeFilippo were all on hand for the presentation on behalf of the Production Crew.

The studio had a display set up, that included a photo of the crew from the local awards presentation at the studio. Everyone had the opportunity to see photos, newsletters and press releases to see what the studio is all about.

A special highlight of the program was a presentation, by Augie Casado to Fred Walker and the Region, of a Flag that flew over Iraq on one of Augie's missions. It was an emotional moment and greatly appreciated by the Region.

Congratulations to each and every crew member! The hard work and effort you put forth was recognized for "making a difference."

Check out additional photo highlights from the Awards Luncheon on page 3!

See you at the Studio!!!



Obie Young, Dawn Veatch, Fred Walker



Fred Walker, Ernie Strange, Dawn Veatch



Dawn Veatch, Fred Walker



Production Crew Members and Orlando FSDO Representatives



FAA Production Studio Display for the Awards Luncheon



Cary Mendelsohn, Buz Massengale, Obie Young



Hugh Hardy, Cheryl DeFilippo, Obie Young



Sandy Fuller, Ernie Strange

