

Element Performance Inspection (EPI) 4.2.11 Training of Flight Followers (OP)

Purpose of this Element (Air Carrier's responsibility):

To ensure that flight followers are properly trained.

Objective (FAA responsibility):

To determine if Flight Followers used by the Air Carrier are properly trained for assigned duties.

Specific Instructions for this EPI:

To accomplish this EPI, the inspector should familiarize himself/herself with the Air Carrier's Flight Following Training program. This EPI should be accomplished at the location where the Flight Followers used by the Air Carrier are trained.

Task 4: The appropriate personnel in this EPI should include instructors and students, as well as other operational personnel.

Question 1.1: One method of determining Flight Follower ability is through evaluation of training and competency records.

Related EPIs:

- 2.1.5 Supplemental Operations Manual Requirements (AW / OP)
- 3.1.11 Computer Based Record Keeping System (OP)
- 3.1.13 Other Personnel with Operational Control (OP)
- 3.2.1 Dispatch / Flight Release (OP)
- 3.2.3 MEL / CDL Procedures (OP)
- 5.1.7 Special Navigation Areas of Operation (OP)
- 5.1.8 Extended Range Operations with Two-Engine Airplanes (ETOPS) (OP)
- 5.1.9 RSVM Authorization (OP)
- 7.2.1 Safety Program (Ground and Flight) (OP)

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To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks (at the inspection locations where applicable):

1. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (SRR) included in the supplemental information section of this EPI.
2. Review the associated SAI, with emphasis on the Controls Attribute section.
3. Review policies and procedures related to the training of flight followers.
4. Discuss the Flight Followers Training program with appropriate personnel.
5. Observe and assess the Training of Flight Followers.
6. Review and assess Flight Follower Training records.

To meet this objective, the inspector will answer the following questions:

1. Were the following performance measures met:

<i>1.1 Do the records show that Flight Followers are able to perform their required duties? [SRR121.127(b)]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	If no, explain:
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<i>1.2 Are Flight Followers being trained in accordance with the Air Carrier's Flight Follower Training program?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	If no, explain:
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<i>1.3 Are Flight Followers trained in the Air Carrier's substance abuse program? [SRR121.429(a, b)]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	If no, explain:
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
2. Were the written procedures adhered to for the Training of Flight Followers?

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	If no, explain:
<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
3. Were the identified controls adhered to for the Training of Flight Followers?

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	If no, explain:
<input type="checkbox"/> NO	

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SRRs:

- 14 CFR 121.127 (b), “Flight following system; requirements.”
- 14 CFR 119.65 (d), “Management Personnel Required For Operations Conducted Under Part 121 Of This Chapter.”

Other CFRs and FAA Guidance:

- 14 CFR 121 App. I, “Drug Testing Program.”
- 14 CFR 121 App. J, “Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program.”
- 14 CFR 121.125, “Flight Following System.”
- 14 CFR 121.537 (c), “Responsibility for operational control: Supplemental operations.”
- 14 CFR 121.553, “Restriction or Suspension of Operations: Supplemental Operations.”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 3, Chap. 6, Sect. 3, Part 121, “Flight Release Systems and Supplemental Operating Rules.”
- Refer to Advisory Circulars using a search engine (such as ATP Navigator or Summit).