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## Memorandum

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Subject: Policy Clarification: FAA Order 8900.1 Volume 5, Chapter 9 Section 5  
Issue/Renew/Reevaluate/Rescind an Air Boss Letter of Authorization

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This memorandum provides policy clarification to the Safety Assurance offices responsible for preparing a FAA Certificate of Waiver, FAA Form 7711-1 (CoW) for an air show. It has come to our attention that there is a lack of clarity regarding how the Air Boss Policy, released October 2017, applies when issuing the CoW for an airshow.

Below is the objective of the Air Boss policy (FAA Order 8900.1 Volume 5, Chapter 9, Section 6 Issue/Renew/Reevaluate/Rescind an Air Boss Letter of Authorization) issued in October 2017.

**OBJECTIVE.** *The main objective of this task is to determine whether an applicant is eligible to receive a letter of authorization (LOA) to act as an air boss at an air show. Completion of this task results in the issuance or denial of an air boss LOA request. Additional tasks may involve the renewal, reevaluation, or rescission of an air boss LOA.*

This policy does not establish the requirement for an air boss to hold an FAA LOA.

The new requirement for an air boss to hold an FAA LOA while acting in this capacity at an air show is established in the upcoming policy change to FAA Order 8900.1 Volume 3 Chapter 6 Section 1. This policy change establishes that the FAA Air Boss LOA is not mandatory until 2019, when a staged implementation will begin.

Additional guidance on the implementation of this program will be shared with Safety Assurance offices prior to the program becoming effective during the 2019 airshow season.

Safety Assurance Division Managers should distribute this policy clarification memo to their assigned offices.