

**“Crewmember Flight, Duty and Rest Requirements:
FAA Regulations, Initiatives and Challenges”**

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Abstract

The aviation industry requires 24/7 activity to meet operational demands. All flights require rested crewmembers to safely support around the clock operations. International long haul flights with passengers and cargo, domestic short haul, multi-leg flights and domestic transcontinental flights all present unique challenges to meeting this requirement. Current flight time limits and rest requirements for part 121 crewmembers are codified in 14 CFR part 121, subparts P, Q, R, and S, and in part 135, subpart F. The requirements apply to domestic, flag, and supplemental operations under part 121, and on-demand and commuter operations under part 135. This presentation will address rulemaking history, significant FAA initiatives undertaken to strengthen and clarify the intent of our regulations, as well as the challenges of regulating appropriate and safe flight, duty and rest requirements for all crewmembers.

A copy of Mr. Gregory Kirkland’s biographical information and presentation slides are provided in Appendix B.