

NATA Forms Air Ambulance Subcommittee, Marc Ramthun and Emma Roberts to Lead

Washington, DC, August 12, 2020 – The National Air Transportation Association (NATA) is pleased to announce the formation of an Air Ambulance Subcommittee as an integral part of its Air Charter Committee. Marc Ramthun, Vice President – Medical Flight Services for CSI Aviation, has been named Chairman and Emma Roberts, Senior Director of Safety, Training and Compliance for REVA, Inc., will serve as the subcommittee’s Vice Chair. The Air Ambulance Subcommittee members will address emerging concerns associated with the movement of COVID-19 patients and ongoing conversations related to medical crew rest and duty rules, broker transparency, international regulations, and the shuttering of rural hospitals, as well as other operational issues.

“I am pleased NATA has launched the Air Ambulance Subcommittee. Our segment of the industry operates in two of the most highly regulated spaces: Part 135 air charter and medical. It’s good to have this forum for air ambulance operators to collaborate on highlighting critical missions and issues that have been amplified by the current COVID crisis,” stated Air Ambulance Subcommittee Chairman Marc Ramthun, Vice President – Medical Flight Services of CSI Aviation.

Marc Ramthun is responsible for CSI’s Medical Flight Services and oversees a staff that handles customer relations, contract negotiations, and special flight mission requests. Prior to assuming this position, Marc was VP-Sales & Services for CSI with responsibility for commercial sales and government contracts. He also served as a Flight Operations Specialist in the U.S. Army National Guard and has been with CSI since 2005. He holds a B.A. degree in Marketing and Management from Western New Mexico University and is bilingual in English and Spanish. In 2018, Marc was recognized by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for his efforts in coordinating patient movements and repatriating human remains to Puerto Rico and the USVI during Hurricane Maria.

“I was very excited to see the NATA Air Ambulance Subcommittee form and honored to be selected as Vice Chair. In addition to the regulatory complexities associated with every air ambulance transport, I believe the industry has been uniquely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is more important than ever for us to work together towards a common goal of safely transporting our patients and crews,” added Subcommittee Vice Chair Emma Roberts, Senior Director of Safety, Training and Compliance for REVA, Inc.

Emma Roberts is the Sr. Director Safety, Training and Compliance at REVA, Inc. where she is responsible for the Safety Management System, company training programs, and all regulatory matters. Emma joined REVA after nine years with Spirit Airlines working in flight operations and safety. Emma holds a bachelor’s degree in Aviation Management from Lynn University and an MBA in Aviation from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

“We are honored that the fixed-wing air ambulance industry has reached out to NATA to support their voice and unique regulatory and legislative needs through this important subcommittee of our 135 Air Charter Committee. The enthusiasm for the formation of a group dedicated to the needs of this critical industry segment is shared by leaders from 20 air ambulance companies, who swiftly joined to advance their priorities during this time of challenge and change,” concluded NATA Senior Vice President and Committee Liaison Ryan Waguespack.