

# AFC MISSION CHECKLIST

## Call AFC immediately IF --- you experience an incident or accident. - - - AFC - 800-474-9464 #

- Notify AFC, as soon as possible. We would rather hear from you than the FAA or ATC!
  The AFC Executive Director & AFC Board Chairman will address media, aviation & Passenger inquiries.
- Notify AFC immediately if you have concerns about Passenger or companions future trips with AFC Pilots. Your outbound flight experience may impact the Passengers return flight; which could be the next day!

## **Call AFC immediately WHEN flights are CANCELLED or DELAYED**

- □ Call linking Pilots & Passengers so no Pilots get in the air. Work out an alternate plan if possible.
- ☐ Report alternate plans to AFC Coordinator. Direct Passengers to call AFC to reschedule, if needed.
- □ Call AFC Office: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM − 4:30 PM CT: 816-421-2300 x201 or 866-569-9464 x201
  - Evenings & Weekends: 800-474-9464; Press # to leave a detailed message with call back number.
- ☐ If a flight cancels; do not file a mission report. Notify AFC to report the cancellation ASAP.
- ☐ Use request@angelflightcentral.org for daily email communication for missions.
  - Do not leave an email to cancel a flight unless the flight is at least 3 business days away.

## **Mission Assignment & Linking**

- □ Request Missions through AFIDS. Overnight emails are only a "snapshot" in time that changes daily.
  - o Pilots who fly more than one aircraft must designate an aircraft and tail number when they request a flight.
  - o Coordinators generally assign flights in the order requests are received.
  - o The Pilot who requests the flight must be the PIC on the mission leg and complete the post mission report.
  - Pilots receive Itineraries when assigned and when all linking Pilots are assigned.
- □ **1**st **Leg Pilot** is the **Lead Pilot for the mission**. Call Passenger when flight is assigned & at least 24 hours before the flight, after weather briefing. Give Passengers time to put back-up plan in place if it looks like flight will cancel.
- □ **Lead Pilot** <u>calls Passenger</u> to verify:
  - :: Verify appointment date/time, destination, companions
  - ::Your aircraft, rules, time enroute (no toilets, etc.)
  - ::Verify equipment on-board (DOT oxygen, etc.)
  - :: Maximum baggage 50# TOTAL; for all Passengers
  - ::Remind Passenger they will sign a Liability Release
  - ::Be sensitive to Passengers' privacy & medical condition
- ::Previous flight experience
- ::Safety concerns, weather, what to expect
- ::Verify ground transportation and lodging
- ::Verify back-up travel plans
- ::FBO location & local time to meet
- :: Car seat for children 40# or less
- □ **Lead Pilot** <u>calls linking Pilot(s)</u> to coordinate timing & location of handoff points (see pre-flight planning below).
  - o ETA's should coincide with the appointment time and length of ground transportation.
  - o **Lead pilot** assures all linking Pilots can carry additional weight or Passenger must ship excess baggage.
- □ **Lead Pilot** <u>contacts AFC for</u> changes in date of travel, origin, destination, handoff airports, etc.
- □ **Linking Pilots** may call Passenger but leave coordination to Lead Pilot to reduce Passenger confusion.
  - o Discuss ETAs, linking airports, possible weather, etc. with Lead Pilot.
  - o Call AFC for cancellations or when Lead Pilot is unable to complete coordination of the linking mission.
- □ AFC informs Passengers of their Pilots' names; but <u>does not</u> give out Pilots' phone number without your approval
- ☐ AFC does not require Pilots to drive Passengers or assist with any ground expenses. However, if they drive...
  - o AFC requires Pilots to file a current Drivers' License and signed Driver Affirmation if they drive Passengers.

## **Pre-Flight Planning** □ File your flight plan EARLY if you use Fltplan.com. AFC may be able to fill "deadhead" legs if you file early. :: Use your NGF4 call sign number when filing your flight plan as the "flight number." □ Check FBO's / airports if waivers are needed to secure discounts or waive fees. (Pilot Toolbox on AFC website) □ Plan for 1st leg early in the day; especially if flight is 3-legs. Consider air speed of linking aircraft. □ Complete flight by night fall or reach agreement with linking Pilots and Passengers if flying at night. □ For return flights; note appointment time to assure realistic timing for the Passengers' return to the airport. ☐ For return flights; check for any additional baggage or medical equipment acquired during stay. □ For Safety & Comfort; consider: ⊕ Seat-belt extender ⊕ Blanket & small pillow ⊕ Bottle of water ⊕ Snacks © Small step-ladder © Headset for Passengers © Small toy for child Passengers © AFC # on speed-dial □ **Upload Liability Release** (top of itinerary email) to your mobile device or print from Itinerary or Pilot Toolbox. :: Check box on Liability Release affirming you are current with all AFC & FAA requirements at flight time. ALL passengers (including your co-pilot or companion must sign the Liability Release) :: Ask Passengers if they are ok with your taking pictures (see photo release on bottom of Liability Release). Mission Day - Before leaving home □ Pilots make individual self-assessment and final "go-no go" decision. □ **Lead Pilot** confirms all linking Pilots can fly, all legs are flyable and hand-off timing is in place BEFORE taking off. □ **Lead Pilot** confirms Passengers are able to fly and arrive on time at FBOs. **Mission Day - At Airport** □ Confirm Passenger ID and search Passenger baggage; at Pilots' discretion. You are TSA for your flight. □ Ask if Passengers have questions BEFORE boarding. Watch for non-verbal communication. □ Go over what to expect in flight with Passengers; particularly if there are weather issues on the day of flight. □ Encourage use of rest room by all before boarding. Ask if they can sit for the duration of the leg. □ Use Standard Precautions anytime you are working with the public (see AFC Pilot Handbook). ☐ Have **ALL** people on aircraft sign Liability Waiver and "send" to AFC **BEFORE** boarding the aircraft. – **REQUIRED** DO NOT TAKE the Liability Release on the plane. □ Demonstrate how to safely enter and exit your aircraft. □ Review where air sickness bags, blanket, etc. are located in your plane. □ Instruct Passengers on headsets, window shades or anything specific to your plane. □ Secure and check all seat belts, seat extenders and children's car seats. – **REQUIRED**

- □ **Activate your <u>IFR flight plan</u>** or VFR Flight Following
  - o Use NGF call sign only when flying with an AFC Passenger on-board (see Pilot Handbook).
  - Use "angel flight" and your NGF number for radio communications.
  - Use "angel flight" communications for slow or early descent, emergencies and Pilot/Passenger safety.

## Call AFC immediately IF--People, other than those on the itinerary arrive for the flight

\*\* Baggage is over 50# \*\* Passengers do NOT have picture ID(s) \*\* Passengers' weight is not accurate on itinerary :: Pilot identifies issues that may pose a problem or threat to Passengers, companions or aircraft.

#### **In Flight Emergencies**

If any **Passenger becomes unresponsive during flight** or you must land due to an **emergency on board**:

- 1. Radio for assistance immediately.
- 3. Land at the nearest airport
- 2. Request emergency ground assistance 4. Allow ground emergency personnel to assess the Passenger.

## **After Flight & Mission Report**

DO NOT agree to fly Passengers on future missions. Direct Passenger to call AFC so Coordinators can verify medical status & mobility, companions, new dates; check if linking organizations will agree to assist with flight. File your mission report in AFIDS no later than the last day of the month of the flight.

- Upload Mission Photos with your post mission report.
- "Commercial" must be added to your aircraft list if you paid for a flight. List the cost of the ticket in report.
- Report preferred FBO's, so fuel discounts and waived fees will help future AFC pilots/missions.
- Call AFC if you received exceptional service that needs to be recognized.
- **Call AFC** with any information that may be relevant to Passengers' return flight or future flights ASAP.

Thank you for your commitment to fly people in need; donating your time, talent and treasure, on behalf of AFC.