

**MEDIA ADVISORY: NATCA's Annual Safety Conference Begins Monday; Live Webcast -**  
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**WHAT:** "Communicating for Safety," the National Air Traffic Controllers Association's annual safety conference, bringing together air traffic controllers, pilots, FAA officials, industry and other members of the aviation community to discuss an array of topics and share information and expertise about improving aviation safety.

**WHEN/WHERE:** Monday, March 21 through Wednesday, March 23; Las Vegas. Panel discussions and speakers start Tuesday, March 22.

**LIVE WEBCAST:** Available at [natca.org](http://natca.org). Video archive of the conference will also be available.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:** NATCA President Paul Rinaldi, 8:15 a.m. PDT March 22; NTSB Vice Chairman Christopher Hart, 12:30 p.m. PDT March 22; FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt, 8:30 a.m. PDT March 23; former House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman James Oberstar, noon PDT March 23.

**PANEL DISCUSSION TOPICS INCLUDE:** ATC information sharing, Air Traffic Safety Action Program (ATSAP), globalization of ATC, collaborative decision-making, professional standards, RNAV (Area Navigation), pilot/controller communications, fatigue, FAA/NATCA leadership panel, ERAM (En Route Automation Modernization), runway safety, RNAV.

**FULL SCHEDULE:** <http://www.natcacfs.com/CFS-2011-Schedule.pdf>

**ARCHIE LEAGUE MEDAL OF SAFETY AWARDS:** 8 p.m. PDT, March 23. NATCA's seventh annual celebration of the previous year's best examples of its members' extraordinary work in ensuring safety during a flight assist or emergency situation. Named for the first air traffic controller.

**FULL LIST OF AWARD WINNERS:**  
<http://www.natca.org/cfs2011.aspx?zone=CFS%202011&pID=1440#p1440>