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**SDRAA hosts Safety Standdown for Southern California's Aviation Community**

*Nationally recognized speakers slated for September 29<sup>th</sup> event*

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**San Diego, Calif., August 31, 2009** --The [San Diego Regional Aviation Association](http://www.flysandiego.org) will hold its first Safety Standdown on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at Jet Source located at 2056 Palomar Airport Rd at McClellan-Palomar Airport in Carlsbad, California.

The event will feature a slate of nationally recognized speakers and panelists including **Michael Gillen**, United Airlines Captain and Manager of New Hire and Command Development Programs ; **Patrick Carey**, Aviation Safety and Security Officer for AirLite - Toyota's worldwide flight operations and Captain for Toyota's G-IV and G-V; **Kevin Karpe**, Southern California TRACON Safety Assurance Manager ; **Peter Drinkwater**, Director of San Diego County Airports; **Douglas Carr**, National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) Vice President of Safety, Security and Regulation ; and **Robert Riccardi**, International Captain for Qualcomm Inc.

"The speakers on tap for this event are outstanding," commented Grant Wright, President of SDRAA. "Each participant will walk away with practical information they can use right away. We are thrilled to partner with our generous sponsors to bring the Southern California aviation community this valuable event." Wright noted some of the specific presentation topics include safety management systems, flight deck automation, ATC phraseology, local airspace issues, and icing.

The event is being developed for Professional Development Program (PDP) / Certified Aviation Manager (CAM) credits or recertification.

Registration includes seminars, networking sessions, luncheon, presentation materials binder, and closing reception. Registration prior to September 4th is \$95, thereafter \$125 for non-members until September 24<sup>th</sup>. At the door pricing for both members and non-members is \$145. Sponsors for the event include [Jet Source](http://www.jetsource.com), [NBAA](http://www.nbaa.org), and [Wright On Communications](http://www.wrightoncommunications.com).

For more information and to register, visit [www.flysandiego.org/events](http://www.flysandiego.org/events).

**ABOUT THE SAN DIEGO REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION**

Comprised of members from the general and business aviation sectors, SDRAA's mission is to represent and foster aviation interests in the region; research, develop and advance balanced positions relating to aviation issues and their impact on regional economic development and community needs; and provide a centralized venue for sharing information with those in the regional aviation community and the public in general.



The San Diego Regional Aviation Association brings together members of the aviation community from across San Diego County to address the many issues evolving in San Diego aviation. As a non-profit organization, the SDRAA's mission is to support, promote and provide information on aviation as a vital and growing asset to the Greater San Diego area, balancing economic development with quality of life. SDRAA's scholarship fundraising efforts raise thousands of dollars each year for deserving students training in the aviation industry. More SDRAA information can be found at [www.flysandiego.org](http://www.flysandiego.org).