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THE FAA STORY — EIGHTH IN A SERIES OF MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) oversees the operation and safety of the world's most complex aviation system. The FAA is responsible for 50,000 daily flights and 19,000 airports, providing air transportation for almost 700 million passengers yearly.

The Air Commerce Act of May 20, 1926, was the cornerstone of the federal government's regulation of non-military aviation, creating the Aeronautics

Branch within the U.S. Department of Commerce to improve and maintain safety. In 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Act transferred responsibility for civil aviation to a new, independent Civil Aeronautics Authority, called by TIME magazine "the first serious move to centralize regulation of aviation." Two years later, that agency was split in two, creating the Civil Aeronautics Administration, responsible for air traffic control and safety



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enforcement, and the Civil Aeronautics Board, responsible for rule making, accident investigation, and economic regulation of the airlines. The approaching introduction of jet aircraft led to passage of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, transferring civil aviation responsibilities to the Federal Aviation Agency, which, in April 1967, became the FAA of today under the newly formed U.S. Department of Transportation.

The FAA today is responsible for our nation's airspace, providing a safe and efficient system of commerce and personal travel that makes the world work.



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