FLIGHTSERV, AVIATION CHARTERS FIRST TO ACHIEVE TOP FAA SAFETY CERTIFICATION

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FlightServ and its sister company, Aviation Charters, announced they are the first in the greater Philadelphia region to achieve 14 CFR Part 5 SMS Active Conformance status: the industry's highest certification level of safety management. This prestigious recognition marks a significant milestone for the companies, highlighting their commitment to operational safety and excellence across their charter, FBO, maintenance and aircraft detailing divisions at New Jersey Trenton Mercer Airport (KTTN). Back in March 2019companies voluntarily embarked on this rigorous process as part of the Safety Management System Voluntary Program. After years of dedicated effort, including the approval of their SMS manual in January 2020, they achieved Active Conformance status in June 2024.

Paul Weiss, president of the companies commented: "It has taken an immense amount of effort and focus from every single employee across our companies to make this industry-leading achievement possible. This certification underscores our unwavering dedication to safety at every level. An active SMS allows us to proactively identify and mitigate risks, ensuring the highest level of safety for our operations. It also signals to our customers that their operations are in the most

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adept hands when they choose to fly with us.”

While the companies achieved certification voluntarily, the program became mandatory for Part 135 charter operators in May 2024. They now have just three years to achieve certification. Achieving the rigorous certification voluntarily is not just a testament to FlightServ/Aviation Charters’ safety standards, but also positions them as forward-thinking organizations. Their proactive approach and status as the first to achieve active conformance in the region sets a benchmark for others in the aviation industry. With their leadership position, the companies are forming a consulting team of highly-trained professionals to assist interested operations in achieving 14 CFR Part 5 SMS Active Conformance.



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