

The Aircrew Professionalism Initiative

Suggestions for Conducting a Guided Discussion of AOPA's Accident Case Study – Everyone's Problem

Introduce today's topic: "Everyone's Problem"

[View the 5 minute video](#)

Discussion

This CFI clearly demonstrated a lack of professionalism. Referencing the [CAP Aviators Code of Conduct](#), have the audience identify responsibilities not met in the areas of:

- a. General Responsibilities
- b. Crew, Passengers, and People on the Surface

Commentary

"Rogue" aviators see themselves as being "above it all" and willfully violate statutes, placarded limitations, manufacturer's guidance, and sound risk management practices. As a result, they are unlikely to be influenced by ethical codes of conduct. However, as shown in this video, rogue behavior is commonly detected well in advance of any mishap by peers. Unfortunately, these observations are not always communicated to someone who is in a position or willing to take effective action.

CAP's [Aviators Code of Conduct](#) and [Aircrew Code of Conduct](#) do not explicitly state that you have a "duty to report" violations of the code. However, responsibilities relevant to peer accountability can be found in the section on "Advancement and Promotion of Aviation" which states that pilots should:

advance and promote aviation safety and adherence to the Code of Conduct,
advance an aviation culture that values openness, humility, positive attitudes, and the pursuit of
personal improvement, and
promote ethical behavior within the aviation community

Discussion

If a CAP pilot is aware that another pilot is not adhering to the Code, what is the nature of their professional obligation, to self, to their peers, to others, to the organization, and to the public?

Does it include a responsibility to:

- Challenge the individual?
- Report code violations to responsible persons in the organization?
- Follow-up to ensure that appropriate action has been taken?
- Pursue the issue further to ensure resolution if the problem is ignored?

Record of Training

Log completion of this training in SIRS using the title "Important Safety Message on Behalf of CAP/CC"