

Air Safety Investigation

Understanding the dangers of speculation through a simulated investigation



In this two-part exercise, learners examine challenges of combating biased views in an investigation by walking through a simulation of events following an aviation incident - a wing tip strike event. Learners first walk through the events following the incident from the perspective of *Robert Plank*, an air accident investigator, during his off-time through a series of animated reconstructions of 4 days following the incident. In the second part of the exercise, learners will see a first-person view of the investigation from

the desk chair of the Investigator In Charge (IIC) over these same period of time. From the desk of the IIC, learners become aware of the investigation details that Robert Plank and other investigators in the investigation team have at different stages of the investigation. The exercise is meant to give the learners a sense of how speculations can quickly run rampant in the public's eye, and why investigators refrain from communicating details of an investigation prematurely.

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