



# THE PARAGON NETWORK ELEVATES FBO SAFETY EXPECTATIONS AND TRAINING IN 2024

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**Paragon Aviation Group continues to prioritize safety as a core value for its FBOs in 2024. Safety is one of the five pillars that Paragon Aviation Group considers mandatory for their FBOs to possess, along with quality, reliability, value, and service. Each FBO and handling location in The Paragon Network must maintain NATA Safety 1st Certified status, IS-BAH Certified status, or uphold an equivalent program certification.**

Megan Barnes, President of Paragon Aviation Group, commented: "Paragon's dedication to safety signifies a commitment to our members. Recognizing that operators prioritize a secure experience when selecting their FBO or Handling Agent, we find it crucial to offer our members the chance to interact with the Polaris Aero team and mutually benefit from shared insights. Our members, who are industry leaders, consistently prioritize operational safety. Collaborating with esteemed safety experts such as Polaris Aero, Gulfstream, and FlightSafety International is a source of pride for us."

To reinforce its commitment to safety, Paragon Aviation Group is funding an Online Safety Officer

Program for all network FBOs worldwide for the fourth consecutive year. The OSO Program provides consistent, industry- leading safety communication, training, and regulatory compliance through monthly safety meetings. Regardless of the FBO size, staffing level, or stage of SMS, the program offers a complete framework for an effective safety promotion and communication program meeting several IS-BAH and SMS requirements.

Leading the OSO Program for 2024 is Paragon's Strategic Partner and safety expert, Polaris Aero. Polaris Aero provides intelligence software and services to simplify and streamline safety for line personnel, safety managers, and operation management. Their VOCUS cloud-based platform apps offer comprehensive Safety Management System e-learning, advanced risk assessment, and next-generation safety management systems.

In addition, Paragon is actively encouraging FBO members to complete the annual Gulfstream Ground Handling and Service Training. Gulfstream, in association with FlightSafety International, has meticulously developed online courses tailored for line service technicians, covering all models of large-cabin Gulfstream and mid-cabin Gulfstream aircraft. The training focuses on enhancing awareness of aircraft safety protocols during servicing, thereby ensuring improved dispatch reliability and operational efficiency.

The Paragon Network is a distinguished membership of elite FBOs and international handling agents that provide world-class service to general aviation travelers around the globe. Paragon Aviation Group performs a comprehensive audit of the facilities and services offered to ensure the quality of the member base before any FBO joins The Paragon Network. Each member FBO must comply with a set of strategically developed core standards to remain in the group. Paragon Aviation Group facilitates The Paragon Network.



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