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Accident Prevention is my Passion!

One of the worst possible things a person can go through is being at an airport and hearing that the flight carrying his or her loved one may have gone down. The emotions can be overwhelming, distressing, and blinding. It's a life changing moment.

I travel globally and have worked through nasty things like circadian desynchronization, jetlag, flu, laryngitis, gastrointestinal anomalies, chronic fatigue and sleep deprivation. And I have made a lot of sacrifices. But it's OK. I love what I do and feel blessed and privileged to have been given the opportunity to do what I have a passion for. And it really is a passion. For the past 15 years I have busted my butt 7 days a week working to prevent airplane accidents. I hope that somewhere in the world, at some point in time, I have, and will continue, to meet this objective. If I have prevented one accident then I am happy. More than that and I am on fire! You may not see me on the "front line" but I assure you I am in the background doing everything I can to make flying even safer.

ONE of the reasons I do what I do:

About 14 years ago I lost a very close pilot friend, Rick Smith, in an airplane accident in Boca Raton, Florida. A week before his passing, Rick and I flew a trip together and we laughed and joked about this and that. Little did I know that one week later I would be attending his funeral. I had to see his wife and baby. It was absolutely heartbreaking. But Rick taught me a very

important lesson about life; he showed me just how fragile life is and that you never know when it's going to be your time to go. I would have never thought in a million years that Rick would no longer be around shortly after we flew that last trip together. It was a pleasure flying with you Rick, and thank you for teaching me an important lesson about life. I miss you, man!