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As Chief Engineer, Aviation System Safety for Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Paul Russell is responsible for working with government and industry throughout the world to enhance aviation safety by helping to identify and implement accident prevention initiatives. He is the industry co-chair for several sub-committees of the Commercial Aviation Safety Team (CAST) in the United States, the U. S. industry representative to the European Safety Strategic Initiative (ESSI) and coordinates Boeing's support to the Coordinated Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programs (COSCAP) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). He is also the co-chair of the safety integrated product team of the U. S. effort to develop the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NGATS).

Joining Boeing in 1984 Paul served as a 737 Flight Crew Instructor and editor of the 737 operations manuals until 1990 when he became the Flight Crew Training Technical Specialist for the 737. From 1991 until 1999 Paul was the Chief Engineer for Airplane Safety Engineering where he was responsible for helping ensure the safety of Boeing commercial airplanes throughout their design, production and in-service experience.

Prior to joining Boeing Paul served twenty eight years in the United States Coast Guard retiring in 1984 with the rank of Captain. During his Coast Guard career he served as chief training pilot, commanded two aviation units, and coordinated search and rescue operations in the North Pacific among other assignments.

A pilot for over forty years he has been rated in a variety of helicopters and airplanes from seaplanes to modern transports. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Coast Guard Academy, a Bachelor of Science in communications engineering from the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, a Certificate in Ocean Acoustics from Catholic University and a Master's degree in Engineering Administration from George Washington University.

Russell is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and a member of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators, the International Advisory Committee of the Flight Safety Foundation, the International Helicopter Safety Team (IHST) and the Safety Committee of the National Business Aviation Association. He has been recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration for his support of the Safer Skies initiative and has been awarded a Flight Safety Foundation President's Citation for Safety Leadership.

Outside work Paul is the lead safety and survival instructor for the North Pacific Fishing Vessel Owner's Association Vessel Safety Program, conducts boating safety seminars for the Seattle Sailing Foundation and is President of the Coast Guard Academy Class of 1960. He has served as an adult Scout leader (20 plus years), as president of the Washington State Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program (12 years), and president of the American Outdoor Safety League (22 years).

Paul and his wife, Joy Elaine, live in Issaquah, Washington and have two grown children.