



Federal Aviation
Administration

Margaret Gilligan

Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety

Peggy Gilligan became Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety on January 5, 2009 after serving as the Deputy Associate Administrator in that organization for 14 years. She has been in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) since 1980.

As Associate Administrator, Peggy leads the organization responsible for setting, overseeing, and enforcing safety standards for all parts of the aviation industry – airlines, manufacturers, repair stations, pilots, mechanics, air traffic controllers, flight attendants, and any person or product that operates in aviation. These programs have a direct impact on every facet of domestic and international civil aviation safety.

Aviation Safety programs are carried out by a work force of more than 7,000 employees located in Washington headquarters, regional and directorate offices, and more than 125 field offices throughout the world. The organization's annual budget is more than \$1 billion.



In June 2014, Peggy received the 2014 L. Welch Pogue Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aviation. The award recognizes her visionary leadership in the aviation community and was given by *Aviation Week & Space Technology* and the International Aviation Club.

In October 2011, Peggy accepted the Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership. The annual award is given to two Federal senior executives who have shown exceptional leadership while devoting themselves to a career of public service.

In May 2009, Peggy and her Industry co-chair accepted the Robert J. Collier Trophy in recognition of the Commercial Aviation Safety Team's (CAST) work in developing an integrated data-driven strategy that reduced aviation fatalities in the United States by 83 percent over 10 years. Peggy serves as the government co-chair of CAST — a joint industry/government group committed to improving aviation safety by reducing the risk of accidents.

In April 2006, Peggy and her Industry co-chair received the Laurel Award from *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine for improving aviation safety and “reducing the risk of fatalities in world aviation” through CAST. The annual award recognizes the extraordinary accomplishments of individuals and teams in aviation, aerospace, and defense.

Peggy was Chief of Staff at the FAA, serving four Administrators. She also served in the Chief Counsel's office in Washington and as a staff attorney in FAA's Eastern Region in New York. Peggy is a 1979 graduate of Boston University School of Law and a 1975 graduate of Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY. She resides in Washington, DC.