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## **NATCA President Nick Daniels Speaks on NBAA News Hour Webinar**

On Thurs., March 6, NATCA President Nick Daniels served as a panelist for a National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) News Hour webinar about aviation safety. NBAA President & CEO Ed Bolen moderated the discussion, which included other aviation safety leaders.

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## Topic:

Aviation Safety in the Spotlight — Is It Safe To Fly?



Speaker

**Nick Daniels**

NATCA President



During the webinar, President Daniels discussed the rigorous hiring and training process for air traffic controllers, the need for technological and facility upgrades, and how the aviation industry can support NATCA members and our Union's advocacy priorities. NBAA President & CEO Ed Bolen emphasized the importance of the aviation industry standing together to promote safety and advocate for the needs of the air traffic control system.

This webinar offered an excellent opportunity for NATCA to interface with aviation industry stakeholders.

You can watch a [recording of the webinar](#) now.

**NATCA Celebrates International Women's Day**

NATCA recognizes International Women's Day, as well as Women's History Month and Women in Aviation Week (March 3-9). Aviation is a largely male-dominated field, and the bargaining units NATCA represents are no exception – reports say only around 20 percent of controllers in the U.S. are women. We know that the women of NATCA are just as capable and qualified as their male counterparts, and we remain proud to represent each and every one of you.

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



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## **NATCA in the News: House T&I Aviation Subcommittee Hearing**

After he testified for more than three hours in a hearing before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Aviation Subcommittee on March 4, NATCA President Nick Daniels took some questions from the media.

On WTTG-TV (Fox 5 DC), President Daniels spoke about NATCA members' essential work, stating, "...the safety of the system is on the backs of the air traffic controllers."



The following are additional highlights of coverage from the testimony:

**[WUSA-TV \(CBS 9 DC\)](#)**: President Daniels provided a chilling analogy for equipment failures controllers routinely face, saying "If you were to be driving down the road at 70 miles an hour and I was sitting behind you and I covered your eyes when you weren't ready and said keep driving, that's what it's like for an air traffic controller to either lose communications or lose radar in a moment's notice."

**[Reuters](#)**: President Daniels stated, "These dedicated professionals continue to work short-staffed, often six days a week, 10 hours a day for years at a time, using outdated equipment and in run-down facilities that are in many cases more than 60 years old."

**[CNN](#)**: The network covered how the firing of probationary employees adds more stress to the jobs of air traffic controllers. In this news item, President Daniels stated, "Air traffic controllers deal with and have to manage stress, day in and day out. Anything that adds to that, any uncertainty, is what brings an added risk that has to be evaluated into the system."

**[CNBC](#)**: President Daniels stated, "Air traffic controller staffing is down about 9 percent from 2012, while air travel demand has hit records."

**[Politico Pro](#)**: Their article warns of the negative impacts government shutdowns have on our workforce. President Daniels stated, "The air traffic controllers cannot take another hit right now...Not only do controllers have to

work without pay during a shutdown, the FAA Academy that trains new crops of controllers would close its doors, disrupting classes...Even a one-day shutdown puts us months behind.”

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