



In Recognition of Professional Performance During a Hazardous Aviation Event or Significant Contribution to Aviation Mishap Prevention

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## Fire and Aviation Management Core Values and Vision



*Safety – Integrity – Treating People Fairly with Mutual Respect*

### **CORE VALUES**

- Our core values are the beliefs that guide our behavior.
- Our core values come from the Forest Service vision: “Caring for the Land and Serving People”.
- Our Vision is tied to the core values.

### **VISION**

We express our core values by providing leadership with wisdom, honesty, consistency, service to others, and by doing what we say we are going to do.

Our behavior, which is guided by our core values, demonstrates teamwork, doing what is right, and holding ourselves and others accountable. Others view us as credible, trusting, speaking with one voice, and delivering what is needed.

A diverse and involved workforce who are technically competent, with needed professional skills, who believe in quality work, land stewardship, and a high land management ethic is critical to our ability to demonstrate our core values.



## Persistence Pays Off

When you are managing the ramp of an airtanker base, you are trained to be observant. Bill Mitchell was doing just that on May 29, 2000 at the Phoenix base when he observed fuel leaking from the wing of a P3. He informed the flight crew, who were busy inspecting an area of the tail section. The crew told Bill that a leak in that area was normal and was probably just water.

Bill's ramp manager training may not have included being persistent, but that is what he was. He put some of the leaking fuel on his hand and went back to the crew for them to smell. The crew then agreed that the fluid was in fact a fuel leak.

During inspection, it was determined that the wing spar was cracked and the aircraft was then grounded. SafeCom 00-199, located at [www.aviation.fs.fed.us/safecom/psearch.asp](http://www.aviation.fs.fed.us/safecom/psearch.asp).

*IT PAYS TO BE BOTH OBSERVANT AND PERSISTENT!*

## Tanker Crew Gets Workout

*Skip Alderson, left and Tom Radder, right*

We all know the key to staying healthy is exercise. The crew of T-06 recently performed their daily exercise during an in flight emergency.

During the New Mexico fire siege, they were returning to reload when they experienced a complete loss of hydraulic pressure while in flight.

The pilot Tom Radder, co-pilot Skip Alderson and mechanic Steve Davidson, worked together to identify the problem, follow emergency procedures and land safely back at the Albuquerque airport. They were able to successfully clear active runway 10, and not block ongoing tanker operations. SafeCom 00-152, located at [www.aviation.fs.fed.us/safecom/psearch.asp](http://www.aviation.fs.fed.us/safecom/psearch.asp).

*AN EXERCISE WELL DONE!*



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