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Aeronautics team earns national awards

St. Paul, Minn. — Two members of the Air Transportation section of the Minnesota Department of Transportation Office of Aeronautics were recognized by the National Business Aircraft Association at their annual NBAA conference recently held in Orlando, Florida.

Mn/DOT Aeronautics chief pilot Tim Valento received recognition for more than 7,500 hours of accident free corporate flying. Valento has more than 12,300 hours of flying experience. He has been the chief pilot for Aeronautics since spring 1992.

Barbara Loveness, aircraft dispatcher for Aeronautics, was also recognized for three years of significant contributions to the safety and safe operations of the state's air transportation aircraft. Loveness has been with Aeronautics for more than three years.

Mn/DOT Aeronautics Director Raymond J. Rought said, "We are very proud of the dedication to safety that all our staff exhibits. But it is especially pleasing when they are recognized by a highly respected, nationally known organization like NBAA for their work and efforts toward aviation safety."

Mn/DOT Aeronautics promotes aviation, aviation safety and aviation education within the state by supporting municipalities, townships and counties (airport sponsors) in the planning, development, operation and maintenance of public aviation facilities.

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