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Speaker Biography

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Mr. Holtzman is currently Director for National Security Programs and Incident Response (AXE) at the Federal Aviation Administration. He manages a cadre of highly-skilled professionals that operate the FAA's 24/7 Washington Operations Center, plan, coordinate, and exercise the Agency's crisis management and emergency response and recovery capabilities, provide intelligence analysis and threat indications and warning to senior FAA leadership, and conduct regulatory investigations of US certificated airmen and aircraft. He is also a co-chair of the Aviation Government Coordinating Council (AGCC), an interagency body that coordinates strategies, activities, policy and communications across government entities within the Aviation Sub-Sector under the Transportation System Sector for Critical Infrastructure. Prior to assuming his position in March 2014, Mr. Holtzman was the Deputy Director. Mr. Holtzman joined the FAA in 2009 and served as the Agency's liaison to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence where he was instrumental in leading interagency efforts to improve the integration of Air Domain Intelligence across the Intelligence, Law Enforcement, Defense, and Non-Title 50 communities and develop an Air Domain Awareness Community of Interest.

Before joining the FAA, Mr. Holtzman worked for Science International Applications
Corporation (SAIC) as a Senior Strategic Planner supporting the Global Maritime and Air
Intelligence Integration Office within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and coauthored a baseline study on Air Domain Intelligence Integration. Mr. Holtzman retired as a
Captain in the U.S. Navy in 2006 after 26+ years during which he served as an Air Intelligence
Officer in Attack Squadron 34 onboard USS AMERICA (CV-66) and as a Naval Flight Officer,
completing multiple sea duty tours in maritime patrol squadrons and onboard USS KITTY HAWK
(CV-63). He commanded Fleet Composite Squadron Six, the Navy's only Unmanned Aerial
Vehicle command and directed detachments that executed aerial reconnaissance missions from
Navy amphibious warships in support of Operation Southern Watch over Iraq and ashore
supporting Customs and Border Protection counter drug operations in the Gulf of Mexico.

He served staff tours in Iceland and Virginia, directing and coordinating Anti-Submarine Warfare and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) operations with NATO allies in the Atlantic Ocean. As Chief of Staff of Patrol Reconnaissance Forces, Fifth and Seventh Fleet, he coordinated command & control and logistical support to VP and VQ squadrons conducting combat and ISR operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Philippines in support of U.S. and Coalition ground forces.