



# SAFETY OF FLIGHT NOTICE

## Samsung Galaxy 7 Phone

October 20, 2016

For Immediate Distribution to all Pilots

The Department of Transportation has issued an [Emergency Order](#), effective October 15, 2016, forbidding the Samsung Galaxy 7 from being brought onto any Flag carrier in the United States.

The Samsung Galaxy 7 has a battery that can experience what is called a "Thermal Runaway" resulting in excessive heat and ultimately a fire. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), along with all the airlines have embraced this order for the safety of all the passengers and crews. Samsung originally recalled all the phones and replaced the batteries, yet the replacements have now been recalled as the problem was not fixed.

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) has issued a [document](#) letting the Pilot population know of the hazards of this phone. They have recommended that we do not allow this phone to be brought onto any of our aircraft.

Your Board of Directors have reviewed and discussed this issue and for the safety of our pilots, their aircraft and our passengers/patients, we are asking our pilots to take a few extra minutes prior to departing on a mission to ensure that your passenger/patient is not bringing this phone aboard your plane. Our Mission Coordinator is also being proactive by advising our patients that the Samsung Galaxy 7 phone will not be allowed on our pilot's aircraft.

It is my intention to share this with our fellow VPOs for safety's sake. I would also ask that you pass this along to your fellow pilots that are at your local airport, so we ensure that ALL those that fly are safe.

Fly Safe and wishing you Blue Skies!

Regards,

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