
James D. Fossey

Work Experience: 40 Years

Mr. Fossey's air traffic control career began in 1968 while serving in the U.S. Army. He attended the Air Force's Air Traffic Control School at Keesler Air Force Base, completed radar training at Fort Stewart, GA, and served a tour of duty in Vietnam as a Tower Controller with the 1st Aviation Brigade. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1970 and completed a degree in Business Administration from Minnesota State University. Mr. Fossey worked as a stockbroker for three New York Stock Exchange firms from 1972 to 1976.

In 1976, Mr. Fossey began his career as an Air Traffic Control Specialist with the Federal Aviation Administration at the Flying Cloud Air Traffic Control Tower in Minneapolis, MN. He was employed as an Air Traffic Controller, an operational staff specialist, and in several senior level management positions with the FAA from 1976 to January 1, 2010, when he retired from the Federal Aviation Administration.

He spent over 20 years specializing in accident/incident investigations, conducting air traffic facility and systems evaluations, developing and interpreting Air Traffic Control procedures, initiating safety programs and safety management systems, and managing safety risk management and safety cultures. Mr. Fossey has excellent leadership skills and has the ability to work on all levels of an organization, trouble shooting and problem solving. He is able to work with both management and labor equally well to effectively promote safety and efficiency in the National Airspace System. He has administrative, operational, and management experience in virtually all aspects of air traffic control.

Qualifications and Experience

JDA Aviation Technology Solutions, 2014-2015

ATC Expert, Bangladesh Project

- Traveled to Dhaka, Bangladesh to consult with the country's Minister of Aviation.
- Evaluated ATC system with the aim of increasing their ICAO certification and credibility
- Provided recommendations to improve safety and efficiency to the Air Traffic Control group and Pilots of the National Airline.

CCI, November 16, 2011 – 2013, Arlington, VA

Director, Safety Programs

- Responsible for the continued growth of the CCI aviation safety department

- Accountable for development of safety risk analysis tools
- Safety Risk Management Program development for government and industry

FAA, Air Traffic Organization (ATO), ATO Office of Safety, 2007-2009, Washington, D.C.

Director, Special Projects

- Directed and managed diverse special safety programs and investigations
- Responsible for the development of the world's largest voluntary safety reporting program called the Air Traffic Safety Action Program (ATSAP) for the purpose of increasing safety through the voluntary reporting of issues and incidents by air traffic controllers and supervisors
- Conducted high profile research and assessments of the Dallas, New York, Chicago, Atlanta, and Memphis air traffic control areas for the Air Traffic Organizations Chief Operating Officer

FAA, Air Traffic Organization (ATO), ATO Office of Safety, 2003-2007, Washington, D.C.

Director, Air Traffic Evaluations

- Responsible for the daily operations of the National Airspace System Air Traffic evaluation program
- Directed 5 national field offices that evaluated over 500 air traffic facilities across the United States

FAA, Air Traffic, 2002-2003, Chicago O'Hare Air Traffic Control Tower, Chicago, IL

Assistant Air Traffic Manager, Chicago O'Hare Air Traffic Control Tower

- First level manager to facility staff and operations managers

FAA, Air Traffic Investigations and Evaluations, 2001-2003, Washington, D.C.

Manager, National Quality Assurance Oversight Office

- Responsible for ensuring the quality assurance programs for over 500 air traffic facilities nationwide as well as 9 regional offices were effective and responsive to the Headquarters Office in Washington, D.C. This position was created in reaction to the increased scrutiny of FAA Air Traffic by Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General; Office of Special Counsel; National Transportation Safety Board.

FAA, Air Traffic 1995-2000, Great Lakes Regional Office, Chicago, IL

Manager, Quality Assurance Staff

- Responsible for managing the evaluation of all facilities and investigation of all aviation incidents and accidents for 85 air traffic facilities within the 8 state area

FAA, Air Traffic Great Lakes Regional Office 1993-1995, Chicago, IL

Quality Assurance Specialist

- Served as the investigator and evaluator

FAA, Air Traffic Great Lakes Regional Office 1992-1993, Chicago, IL

Air Traffic Procedures Specialist

- Specialized in the analysis of existing and proposed procedures for the purpose of safe and expeditious air traffic control

FAA, Air Traffic 1988-1992, Chicago O'Hare Air Traffic Control Tower, Chicago, IL

Operations Manager, Chicago O'Hare Air Traffic Control Facility

- Managed the daily operation of the world's busiest air traffic control tower through direct supervision of the staff and operational managers at Chicago's O'Hare Tower.
- Responsible for ensuring the safe and efficient actions of a shift of supervisors and controllers in the daily operation. Coordinated as needed with the City of Chicago, airlines and other local, state and Federal Agencies concerning the effective operation of each shift.

FAA, Chicago O'Hare Air Traffic Control Facility 1987-1988, Chicago, IL

Quality Assurance Specialist

- Developed and organized the first stand-alone Terminal Quality Assurance Staff office in the FAA
- Responsible for the review and investigation of all incidents concerning safety and efficiency.
- Maintained records as required by local, regional and national orders.

FAA, Air Traffic Control Facility, 1986 – 1987, Rockford, IL

Air Traffic Manager

- Managed facility staff, supervisors and controllers of a medium density air traffic radar facility.

Air Traffic Supervisor, Air Traffic Control Facility, 1985-1986, Rockford, IL

Air Traffic Controller, Air Traffic Control Facility, 1984-1985, Minneapolis, MN

Air Traffic Controller, Minneapolis Air Traffic Control Tower, 1982-1983, Minneapolis, MN

Air Traffic Control Supervisor, Flying Cloud Tower, 1980-1982, Minneapolis, MN

**Air Traffic Controller, Akron Canton Regional Air Traffic Facility, 1978-1980,
Canton, OH**

Air Traffic Controller, Flying Cloud Tower, 1976-1978, Minneapolis, MN

**Stock Broker, Minnesota Brokerage Offices of Loewi Inc., Dain Kahlman and Quail
and Edward Jones and Co/licensed stock, bond, commodities and options, 1971-
1975**

U.S. Army, Aviation, 1967-1970

- Served in aviation units at Fort Rucker, AL, Vietnam, and at the Command and Generals Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS

EDUCATION

- BS, Business Administration, Minnesota State University, 1975
- New York Institute of Finance, Brokerage and Office Procedure, 1971

AWARDS

2012- NATCA Sentinel Safety Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Advancement of Aviation Safety and Dedication to Improving the U.S. Air Traffic Control System

2009- ATO COO Triangle Award for Distinguished Service