

· the person whose is responsible for

Countries, United States



· International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) – The ICAO sets the ground rules for how investigations will be performed as per ICAO annex 13, although the ICAO rarely has physical participation in the

investigation. · Investigator-in-Charge – The person whose is responsible for conducting/supervising the investigation. · National

Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) – The NTSB is an independent federal agency responsible for investigating all civil (and some public) accidents.

They may also delegate investigations to organizations such as the

FAA. · Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – The government agency in charge of aviation safety in the United States. They will always be a party of the investigation and sometimes conduct the investigation in its

entirety. · Local law enforcement – Responsible for the safety and protection of the general public within their jurisdiction. They may act as security around a crash scene but also have a certain hand in the investigation as to ensure that it was indeed an accident and not a criminal act.

· Local Fire Department – Responsible as the first responders to an accident of to put out any fires or rescue any people. They are initially overall responsible for the crash scene, once fires are extinguished and all people are rescued or removed if applicable than they will hand over authority of the scene to the investigators. · Coroners and medical examiners – these

persons are involved anytime there are human remains at the

scene. · Military – The military rarely has a role in civil accidents unless they occur on a base. They may also participate if a military aircraft crashes

off base. · Insurance carriers – Once the NTSB is done with the

investigation and/or accident site, it is handed over to the insurance carrier as the “ owner” of the wreckage.

· Property owner – If the accident occurs on private property than the property owner retains certain rights and privileges for reimbursement of property damage. · Aircraft owner/operator – Unless the wreckage has been transferred to the insurance carrier, the owner/operator retains certain authority over his/her aircraft. · Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) – If the accident is considered to be “ workplace-related” then OSHA may become involved. · Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)– When any HAZMAT spill occurs as a result of the accident then the EPA may be involved.

· Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)– If the accident is determined to be from sabotage, terrorism or any other intentional act then the FBI will be a part of the investigation. · United States Customs Service – If smuggling is suspected or if the flight started outside the U. S. then Customs may become involved. · News Media – As they are in any accident involving members of the general public, the news media is involved and share the information they attain.