



## Silver Eagles Newsletter

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### **Silver Eagles,**

Slow news month, but I spotted some engagement news on Facebook and contacted my buddy for the scoop and I added a bit of my own. Come on, guys! You got to give me something... anything! I'm begging!!!

**New Members: None**

### **Board News:**

**From David Mayer:** As you may know, Barbara Zimmermann will be retiring in a few weeks. Please join Chairman Hersman and me in sincerely thanking Barbara for her 35 years of Federal service and 10 years of NTSB service, and also congratulating her on a much deserved retirement. She has provided invaluable service as the agency's Deputy Managing Director and will be greatly missed.

The NTSB is fortunate to be able to leverage the skills of current executives for times such as this. Chairman Hersman and I have asked Steve Klejst to assist me with the day-to-day operations of the Office of the Managing Director and the Agency. This will provide continuity during this transition period and ensure continued success of our programs and initiatives.

During this time, Robert Hall will manage the Office of Railroad, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Investigations (RPH). These new roles are effective today.

To support RPH during this time, we will offer a detail opportunity in that office to assist with investigative workload and other activities. These opportunities provide a chance for agency employees to learn about the work of other offices by using their skills and abilities in new ways. Expect a separate announcement in the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Member News:**

**Crystal Thomas** - Picking up and leaving DC to move to Houston a year and half ago was really hard for me. Turns out what they say really is true though... everything happens for a reason... as a stop in New Orleans on my roadtrip ended in me meeting my fiance, Kevin! We met on Bourbon Street (literally in the middle of the street) while I was walking with my aunt and it was love at first sight, haha. I found out that he lived near Houston too, actually about 100 miles away from where I was going to be living (TX is so big), but we decided 'why not give this a try!' Coincidentally, we came to realize that we had been going to the same tank car committee meetings twice a year for

the last four years and remembered seeing each other, but never spoke... small world. It was a great year and luck for us, his company eventually transferred him to their Houston office. Long story short we got engaged last November in New Orleans, and just recently set a wedding date for this September 29th in New Orleans... we're super excited! :) (see picture)



**Jim Henderson** - My Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is quite interesting. The scenario is a mass casualty event where the traditional ER is focused elsewhere or are unable (flooding?) to get into your neighborhood. The golden rule is to do the most good for the most people or something like that. Last week was the first sweep of the area for victims. Teams move in and triage the injured. They allow 30 secs per victim to stop arterial bleeding with duct tape and rags, to adjust the head to restart breathing (2 tries, if no response and move on) and to cover victims of shock to keep them warm. What!?! No CPR? Nope, that takes one or more people out of the rescue effort for an unlimited period of time. During that time they could be saving other victims. The victims are tagged and info of location and Red, Yellow, Green and dead is taken back to command for victim retrieval and next week's lesson on more extensive first aid. Your local areas may have similar programs that many of you will enjoy and I'm betting that, with our experience, we will be the only ones not panicking or passing out during a real event.