

Dear Fellow Crewmembers,

Due to some situations that have happened to crew members and their families during past years, the Bereavement Committee wants to send you a brief, but important, reminder. It's unfortunately common for family members to be uninformed about important information or documents that may be needed in case of a crew member's death. We know we all want our family members to be prepared, even though we don't like to think about these possibilities.

It would be a great favor to your family to have the documents in the following checklist organized and to let your loved ones know where to find them.

Please feel free to contact the bereavement chairman, Ming Lowe ([Fedex-Bereavement@alpa.org](mailto:Fedex-Bereavement@alpa.org)) or Cheryl Konter ([ckonter@yahoo.com](mailto:ckonter@yahoo.com)) if you would like a copy of the surviving spouse guide or need help. The guide is an easy to read, expanded checklist that gives a chronological schedule for insurance and benefit distributions. Ming and Cheryl regularly work with surviving spouses and can give advice on how best to be prepared.

We know this is not an easy topic for anyone, but we would like to stress that taking these steps will help your family.

Please ensure that your family member knows how to locate at least these items and we suggest you place the copies into a central file:

- Last will and testament, living will or power of attorney (If you don't have these current documents, online tools or an attorney can be used.)
- Marriage license
- Insurance documents or passwords onto insurance websites (Provide beneficiary information if named individual is not your current spouse.)
- Social security card
- Your birth certificate
- Investment documents or passwords to investment websites
- Credit card customer service phone numbers and account numbers
- Names of your casualty assistance liaisons (You can name any crewmember or even a non-employee family friend to be your liaison in VIPS.)

Please reference the bereavement section on the FDX MEC portion of ALPA.org for an expanded list of important items.

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