

## **Billy Nolen**

Senior Vice President, Safety, Security and Operations  
Airlines for America



Capt. Billy Nolen was named Senior Vice President of Safety, Security and Operations for Airlines for America (A4A) in July 2015.

In his role, Nolen works closely with A4A members to advise, evaluate and set standards and procedures that maximize safety and customer service and improve efficiency. As the leader of the operations division, Nolen works closely with the Administration and government agencies to ensure A4A members operate in a regulatory environment that enables the industry to build upon its impeccable safety record. He oversees the six key functional areas within the airline portfolio at A4A, all of which are core to member airlines: Air and Ground Safety; Security; Flight Operations; Air Traffic Management; Engineering and Maintenance; and Cargo Services.

Prior to joining A4A, Nolen held a number of safety-related positions with American Airlines, including managing American's Operations Aviation Safety Action Partnership program and acting as Senior Manager of Flight Safety. He has been an active pilot at American since 1989 and is currently a Captain on the B757/767. Nolen was also an Aviation Safety Officer and Rotary Wing/Fixed Wing Pilot with the U.S. Army from 1980-1989.

A native of Alabama, Nolen graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in professional aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and has received several program certificates on aviation safety from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, U.S. Army Safety Center and University of Southern California.