## COE TTHP Third Annual Technical Meeting

### **AJF Fleet Modernization Study**

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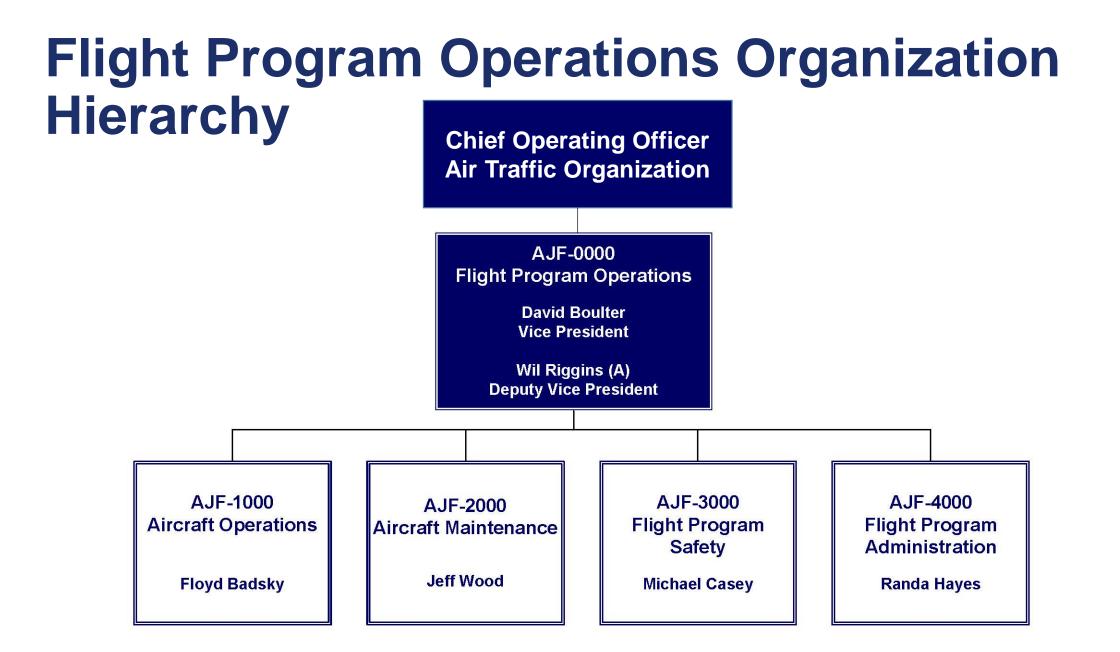


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## **Project Overview**

- Scope of the project
- Assumptions
- Methodology
- Recommendations







## **Flight Program Operations Missions**

- 4 Primary Missions:
  - Flight Inspection
  - Aviation Safety Training
  - Research Development Test & Evaluation (RDT&E) Support
  - Critical Event Response/ Transportation



## **Flight Inspection**

- Ensures the integrity of instrument approaches and airway procedures.
- Accomplishes mission through the airborne inspection of all space and ground based instrument flight procedures and the validation of electronic signals in space transmitted from ground navigation systems.





## **Aviation Safety Training**

• Responsible for providing training, currency and proficiency services to Aviation Safety personnel.





# Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Support

 Conducts flights directly related to research, development, test and evaluation of new electronic aids, air traffic procedures and aircraft system improvements under established agency projects.





## **Critical Event Response/ Transportation**

 Responds to FAA responsibilities in times of emergency, as well as support the National Critical Event Response/ Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in carrying out its duties.





# Inventory and Average Age of A/C for Each Mission

Primary Mission	Aircraft Type	Inventory	Avg. Age
	King Air-300	17	32
Flight Inspection	Lear Jet 60	5	26
	Challenger 601	3	26
	Challenger 604	1	14
	Challenger 605	2	9
Total for the mission	5 fleet types	28	25.36



Primary Mission	Aircraft Type	Inventory	Avg. Age
Research, Development, Test & Evaluation	King Air 200	1	45
	Sikorsky S76	1	39
	Convair 580	2	63
	Navaho - PA 31	1	39
Support	Bombardier		
	BBD-700	1	15
Total for the			
mission	5 fleet types	6	44





# Inventory and Average Age of A/C for Each Mission

Primary Mission	Aircraft Type	Inventory	Avg. Age
Critical Event	Gulfstream IV	1	32
Response/	Cessna 560		
Transportation	XL(leased)	2	17
Total for the			
mission	2 fleet types	3	22

Primary Mission	Aircraft Type	Inventory	Avg. Age
Aviation Safety	King Air		
Training	C90GTi	9	9
Total for the			
mission	1 fleet type	9	9



Total: 46 A/C Fleet: 13 Avg. Age: 25 years





## Scope of the Work

- Recommend Fleet (gradually)
  - Newer/more efficient fleet
  - Support missions
  - Within budget
  - Reduce fleet diversity



## **Criteria for fleet**

- Selection of fleet based on 5 criteria.
  - Mission Capabilities
  - Modification/ OEM Support
  - Propulsion/ Avionics
  - Maintenance/ Ownership costs
  - Lease options



## Methodology

- A Multi-criteria optimization model is developed identifying which fleet to buy/lease, which fleet to retire and by how many.
- Planning period: 10 years.
- ERAU with FAA coloboration identified candidate fleet for each mission.



## Methodology

- Constraints:
  - Gradual retiring of existing fleet (no disruption)
  - Meet the flight demands
  - Limit on annual budget expenditure
- Aircraft availability with age:
  - Less than 10 years old, 95%
  - 10 to 19 years old, 90%
  - 20 to 25 years old, 70%
  - Older than 25 years old, 55%
    - Source: Conklin & de Decker



### **Current and Candidate Fleet for Flight** Inspection





King air 300 <u>(17)</u>



King air 350



Challenger 601 <u>(3)</u>



Challenger 604 <u>(1)</u>





King air 350 ER



Challenger 605 <u>(2)</u>



Learjet 60 <u>(5)</u>



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Hawker 800XP



Global 6000

Embraer Legacy 650



King air C90GTi



Falcon 900EX



Learjet 70



Learjet 75



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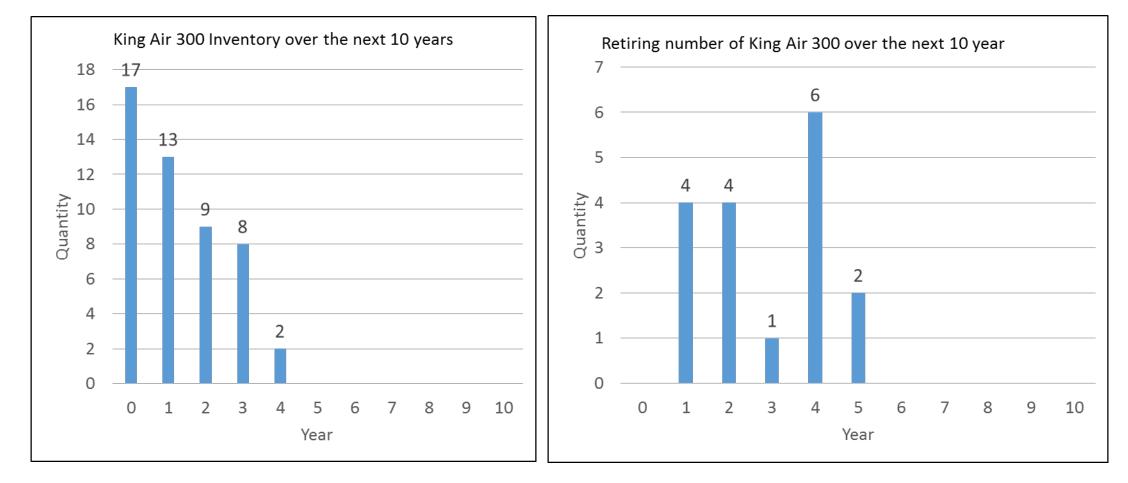


Challenger 605/650



#### Flight Inspection King Air 300 Status of current fleet over the next 10 years



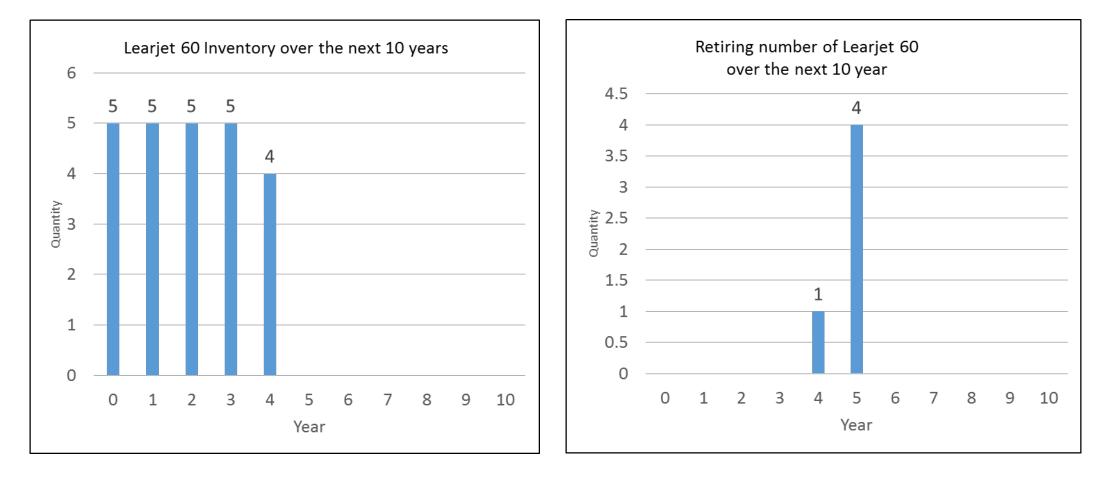


Average age for the King Air 300 fleet is 32 years





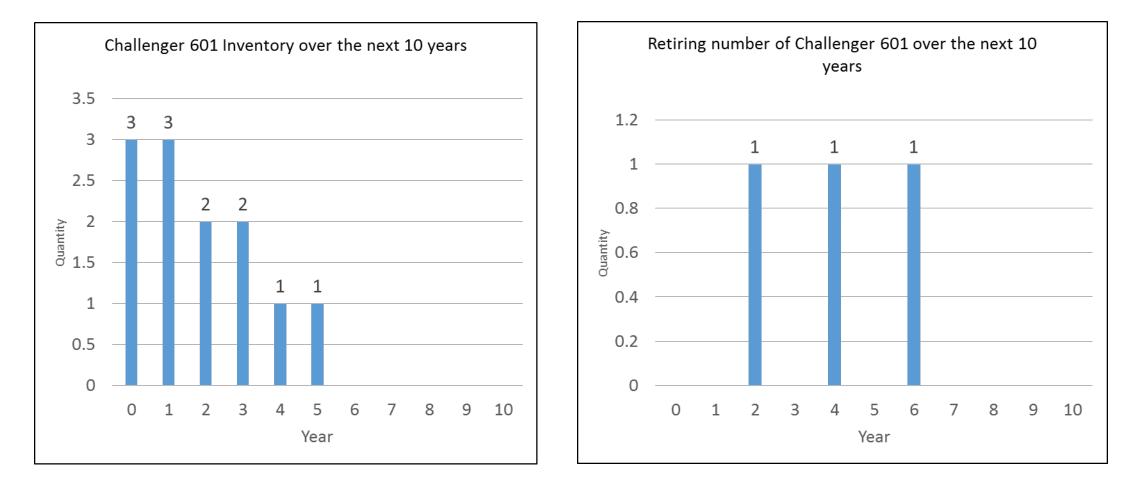
## Flight Inspection Learjet 60 Status of current fleet over the next 10 years



Average age for the Learjet 60 fleet is 26 years



## Flight Inspection Challenger 601 **Status of current fleet over the next 10 years**

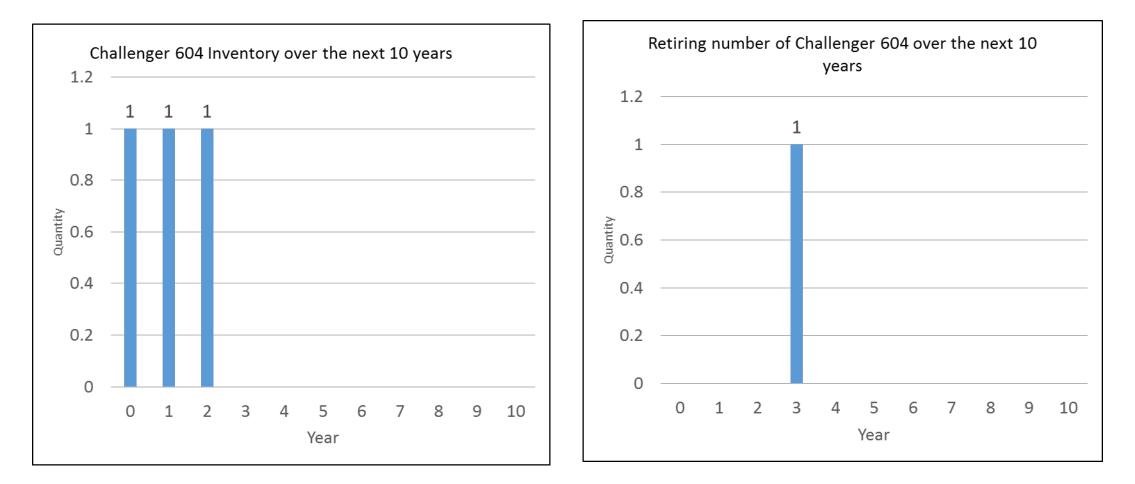


#### Average age for the Challenger 601 fleet is 26 years





## Flight Inspection Challenger 604 Status of current fleet over the next 10 years

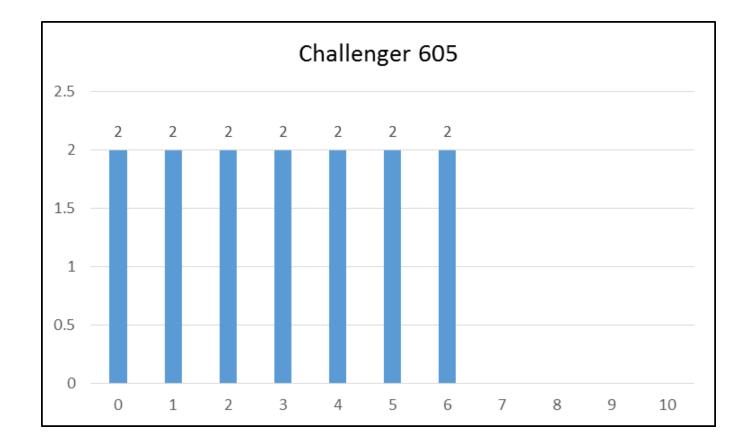


#### Average age for the Challenger 604 fleet is 14 years



#### Flight Inspection Challenger 605/650 Status of current fleet over the next 10 years





Average age for the Challenger 605 fleet is 9 years



## Current and candidate fleet for Aviation Training Mission



King air C90GTi (9)



King air 350 ER



#### Aviation Safety Aviation Safety Training This Mission will be outsourced – Keep for 6 years





Average age for the King Air C90GTi fleet is 9 years



### RDT&E Support Current and Candidate Fleet



**Bombardier Global Express** 



Falcon 7x



Saab 2000



Global 6000



<u>King air 200</u> (1)



Challenger 605



Bombardier Dash Q8



King air 300



<u>Sikorsky 76</u> (1)



Gulfstream 650



Pilatus PC-12



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<u>Convair 580</u> (2)



King air 350



Piper M 600



Challenger 650



Piper Chieftain (1)



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Cessna Denali



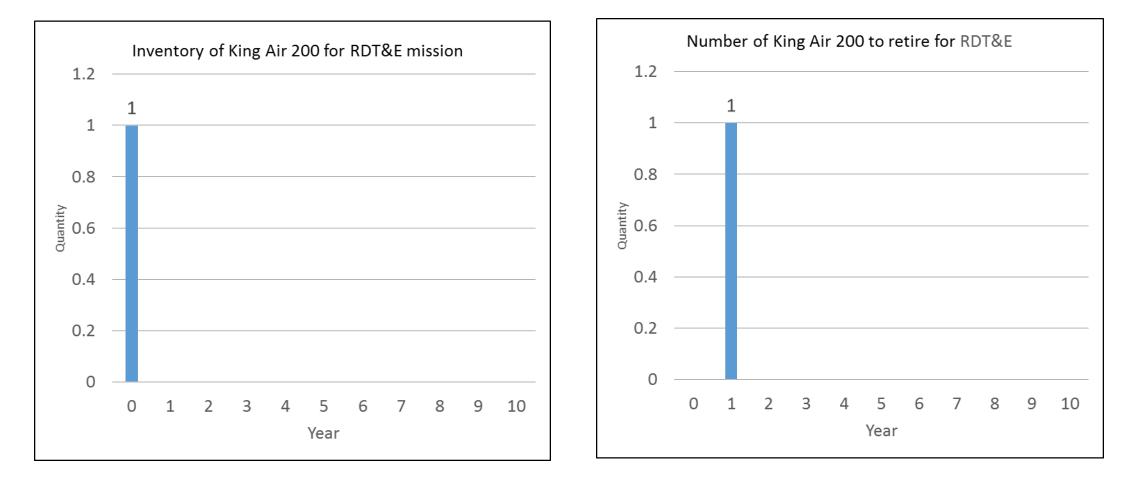
King air 350 ER

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### RDT&E Support – King Air 200 Status of current fleet over the next 10 years

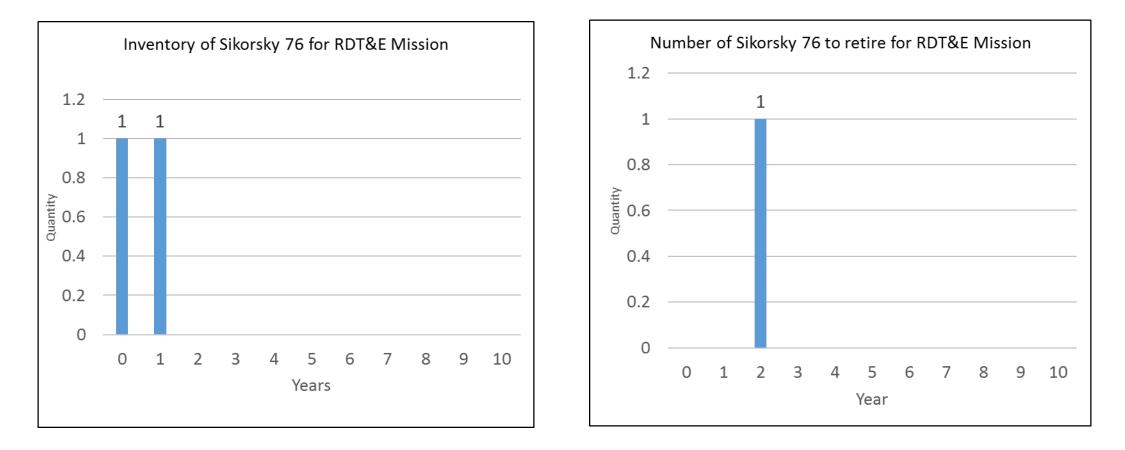


#### Average age for the King Air 200 fleet is 45 years





## RDT&E Support – Sikorsky 76 Status of current fleet over the next 10 years

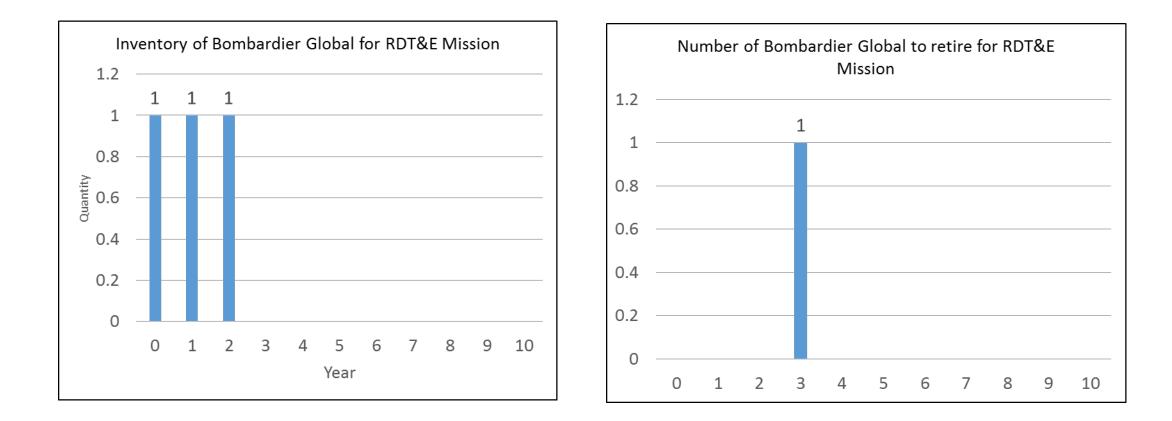


Average age for the Sikorsky 76 fleet is 39 years





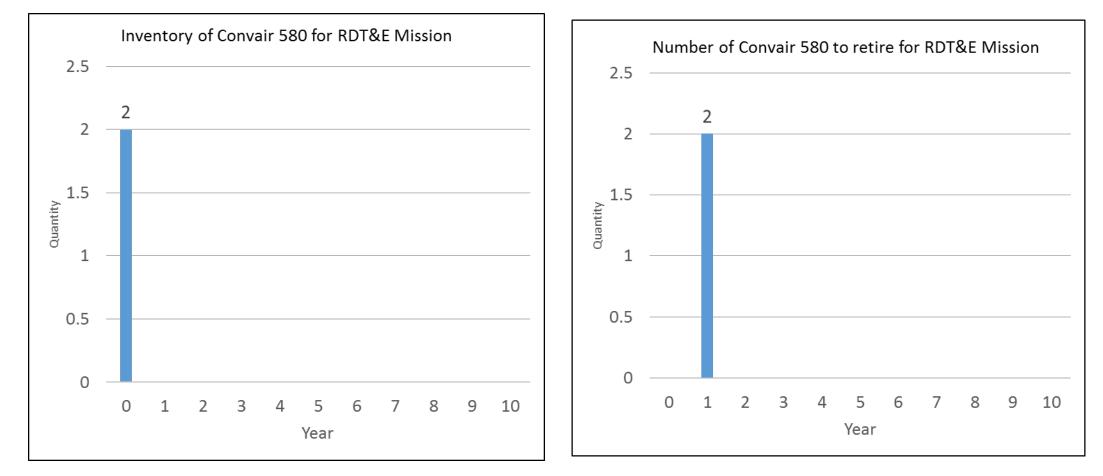
## RDT&E Support – Global Express Status of current fleet over the next 10 years



Average age for the Global Express fleet is 15 years



### RDT&E Support – Convair 580 Status of current fleet over the next 10 years

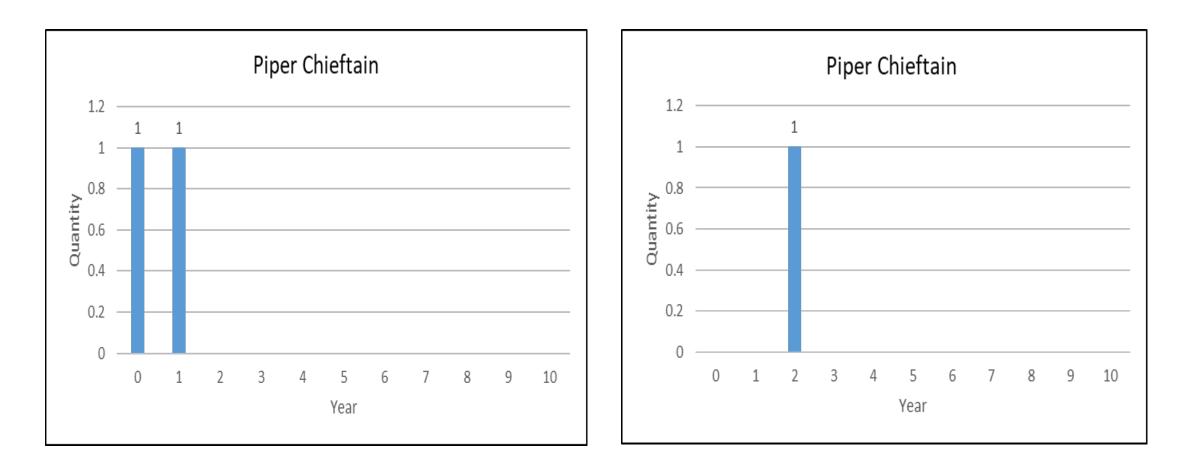


#### Average age for the Convair 580 fleet is 63 years





# RDT&E Support Piper Chieftain Status of current fleet over the next 10 years



Average age for the Piper Chieftain fleet is 39 years





### Current and candidate fleet for Critical Event Response/ Transportation



Gulfstream IV (1)



Challenger 604



Embraer Legacy 600



Embraer Legacy 650



King air 350 ER



Falcon 900EX



Hawker 800XP



Falcon 2000EX



Challenger 605



Challenger 650



Global 6000



<u>Cessna Citation 560XL</u> (2)



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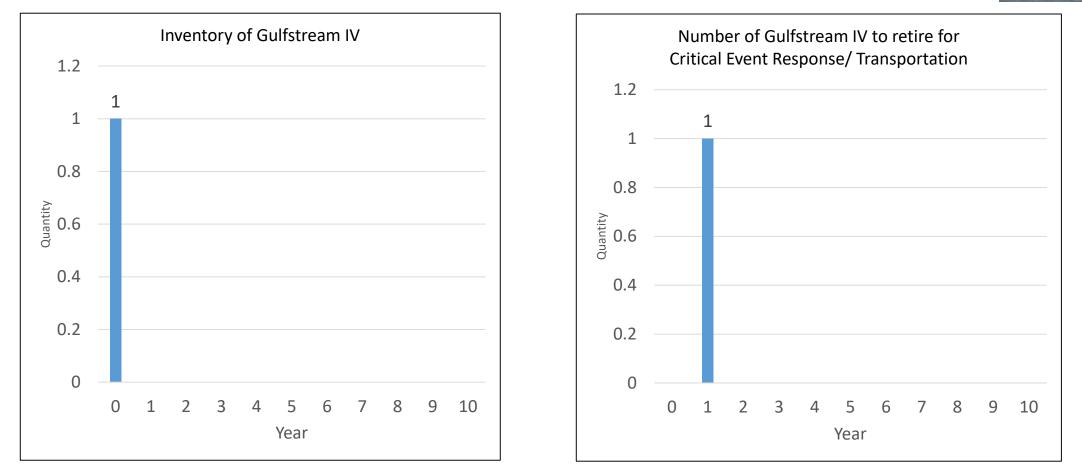


Learjet 70



#### Critical Event Response/ Transportation (G-IV) Status of current fleet over the next 10 years





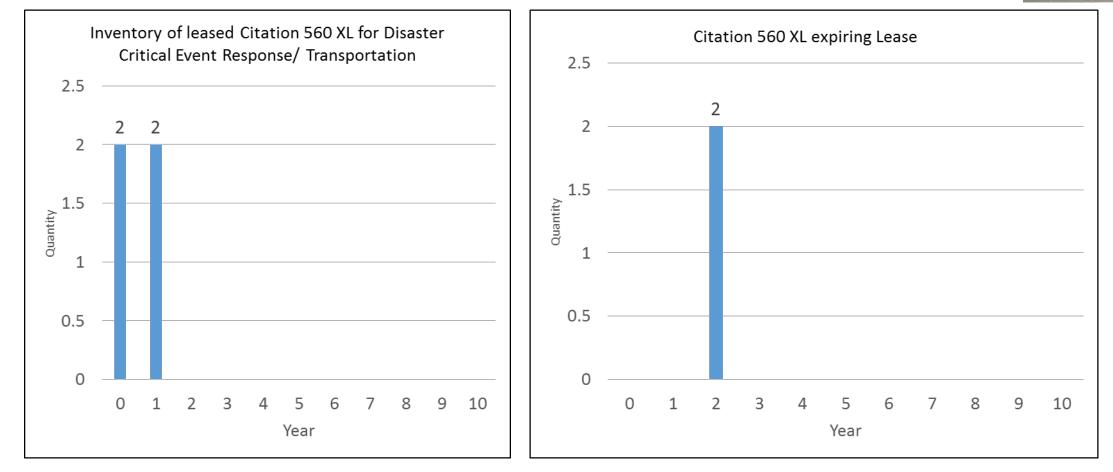
Average age for the Gulfstream IV fleet is 32 years





#### Critical Event Response/ Transportation Citation 560 Status of current fleet over the next 10 years





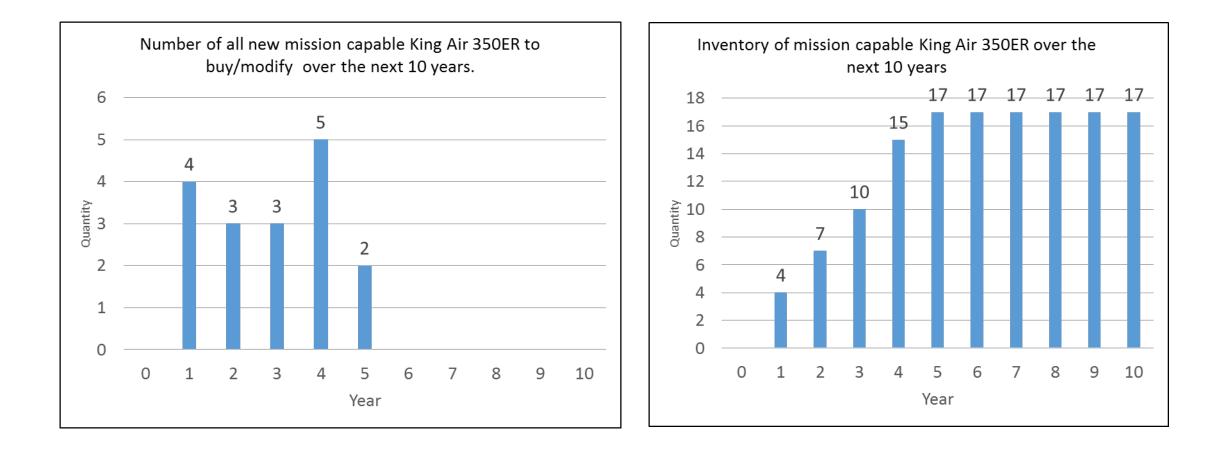
Average age for the Cessna Citation 560 XL fleet is 17 years



### **Preliminary Recommendations**



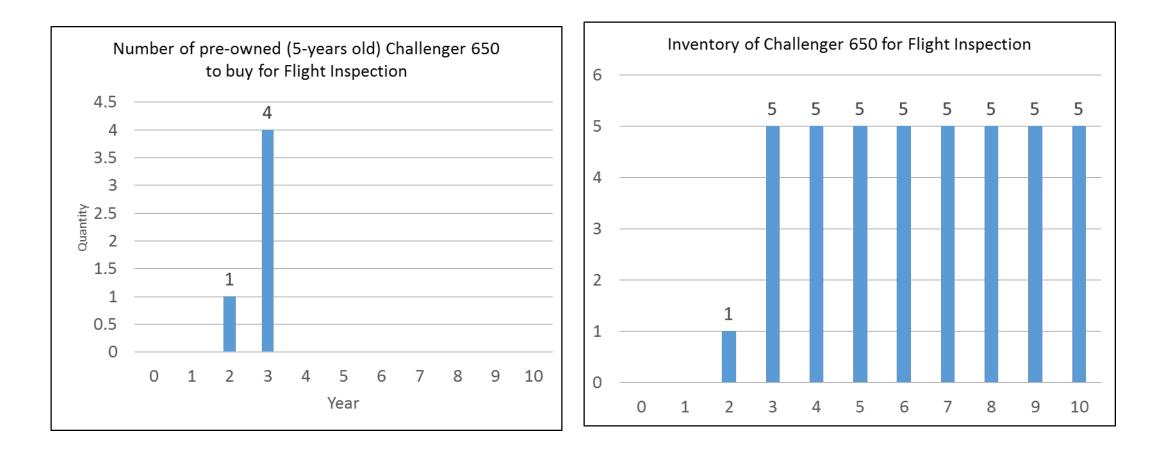
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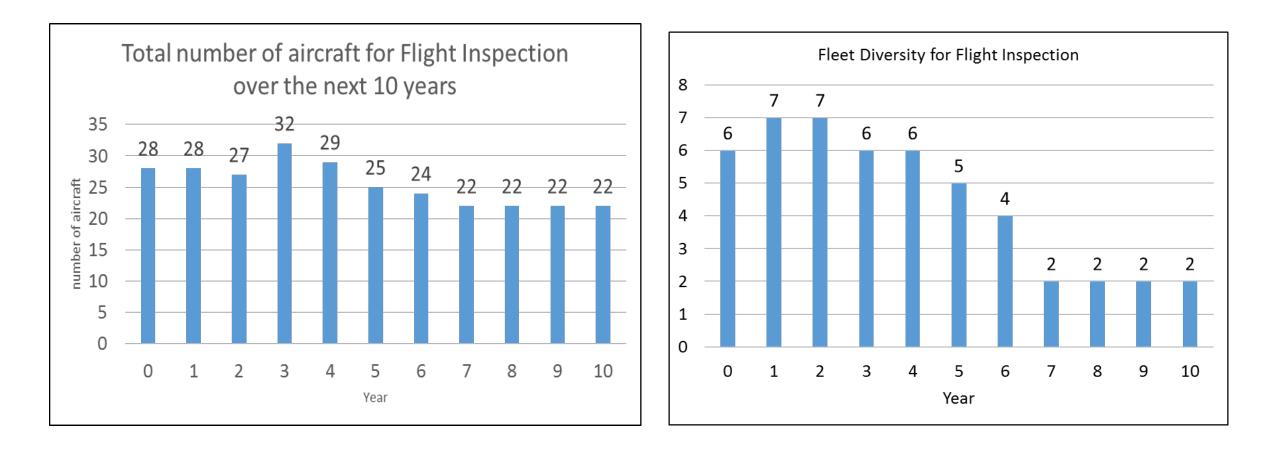
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### Flight Inspection Challenger 605/650 Recommended Fleet to Buy



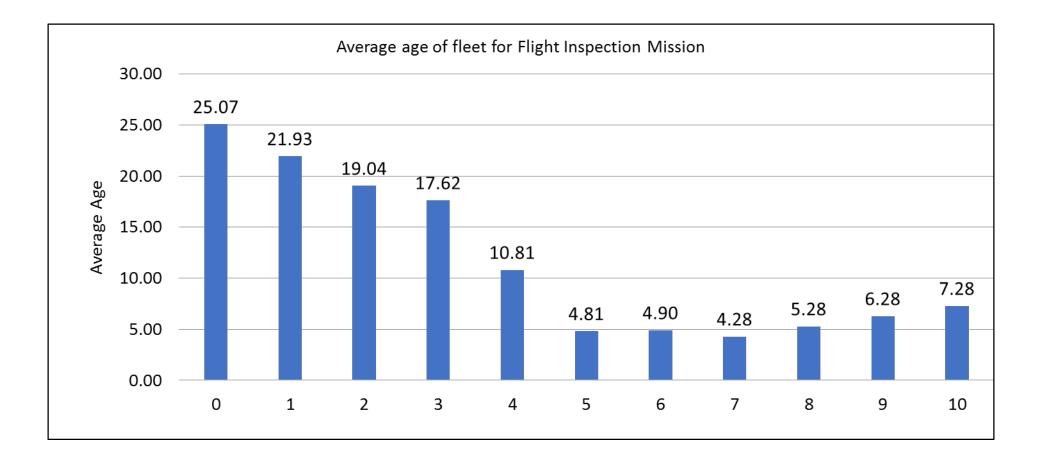


## **Flight Inspection Total Fleet**



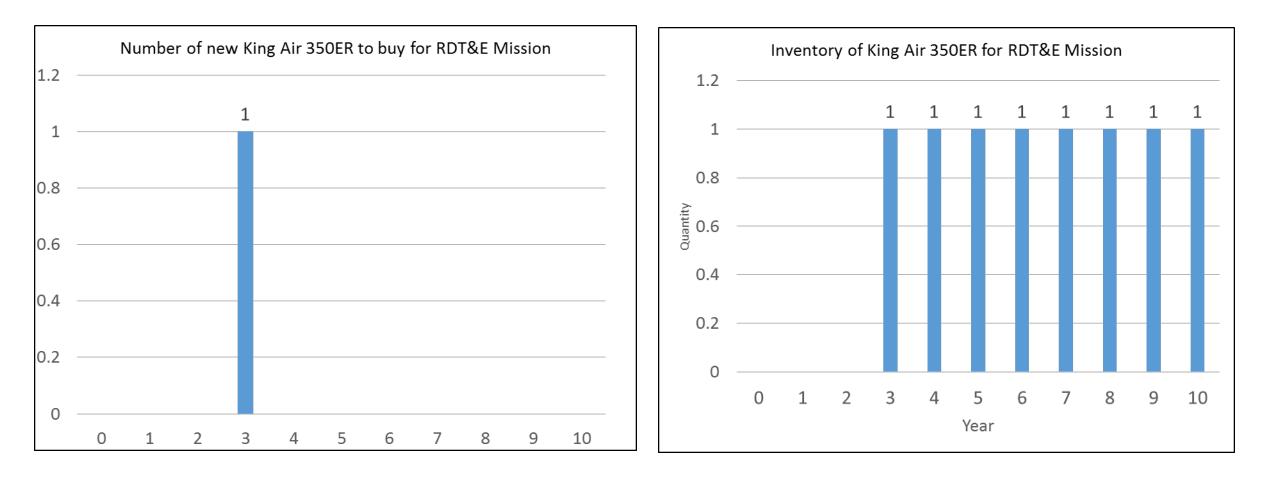


## **Flight Inspection Total Fleet**





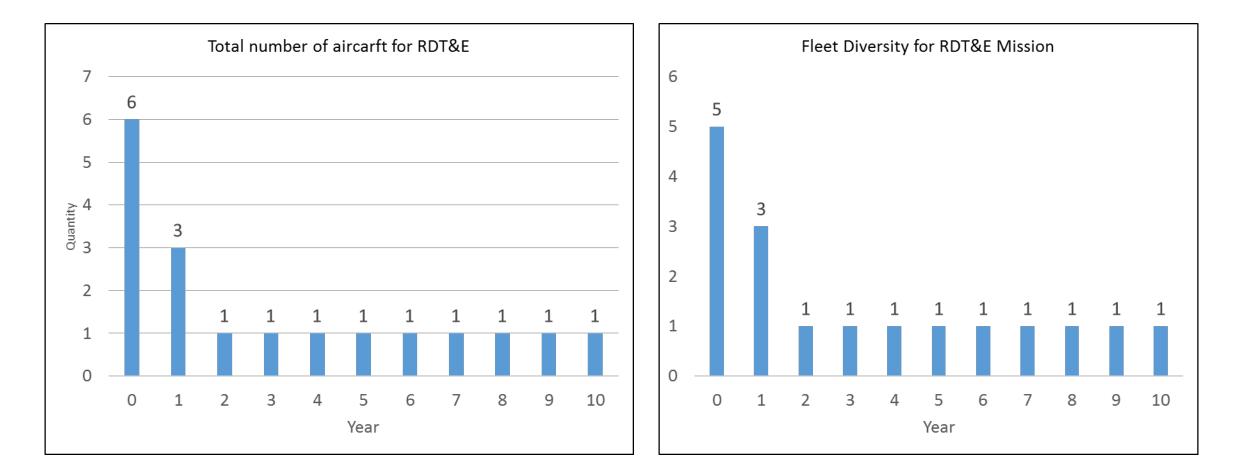
#### RDT&E Support – King Air 350ER Recommended Fleet





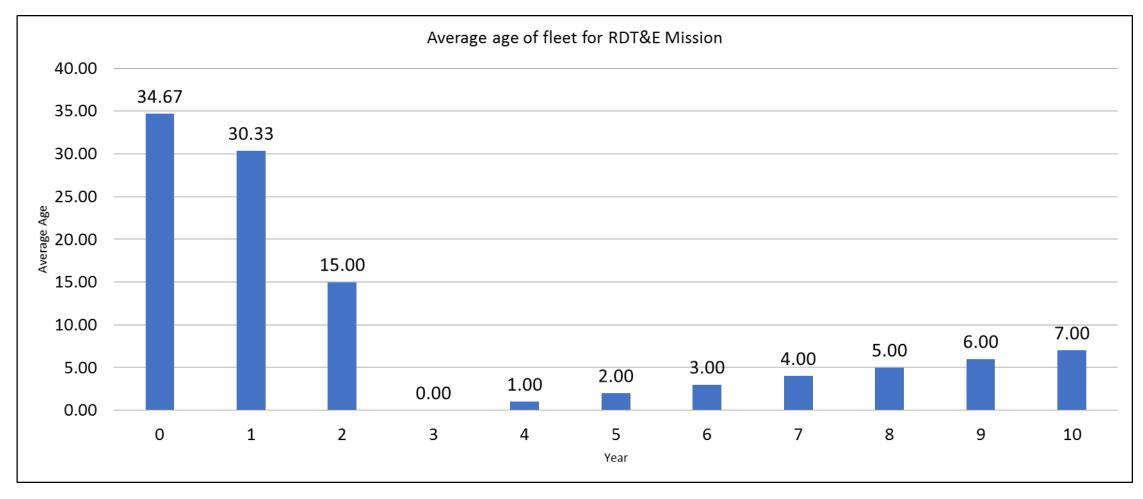
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#### RDT&E Support Recommended Fleet



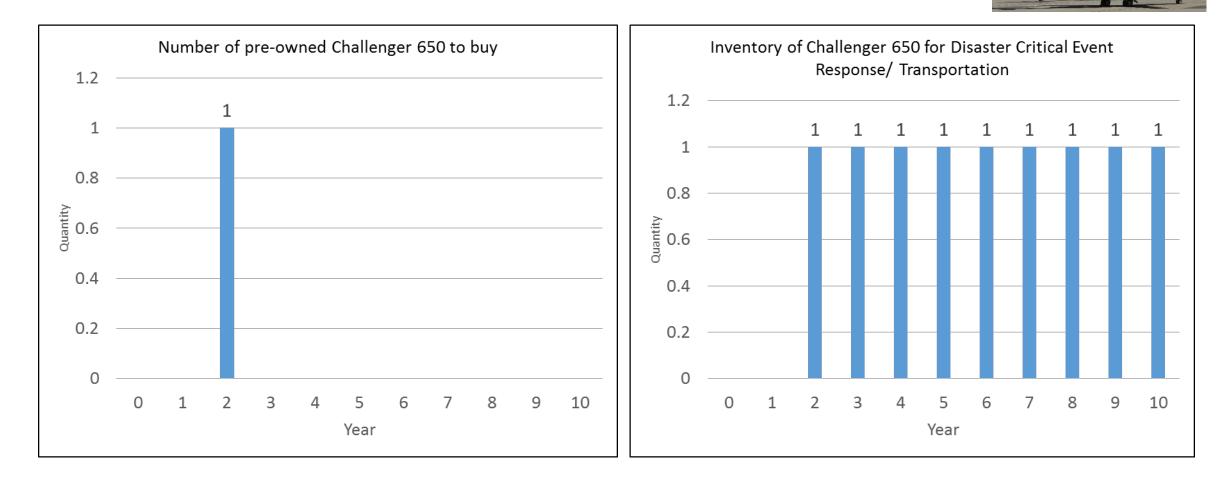


#### **RDT&E Support Recommended Fleet**



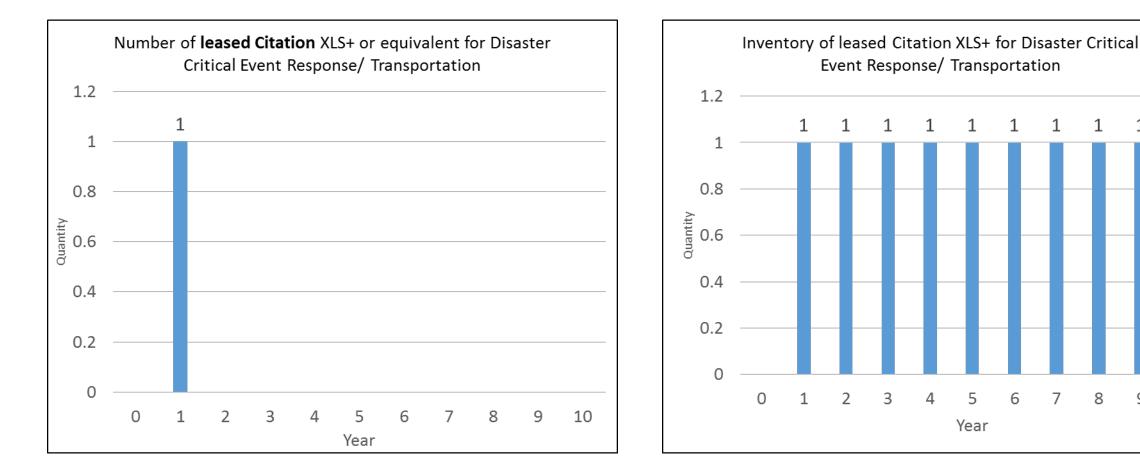


### Critical Event Response/ Transportation Recommended Fleet





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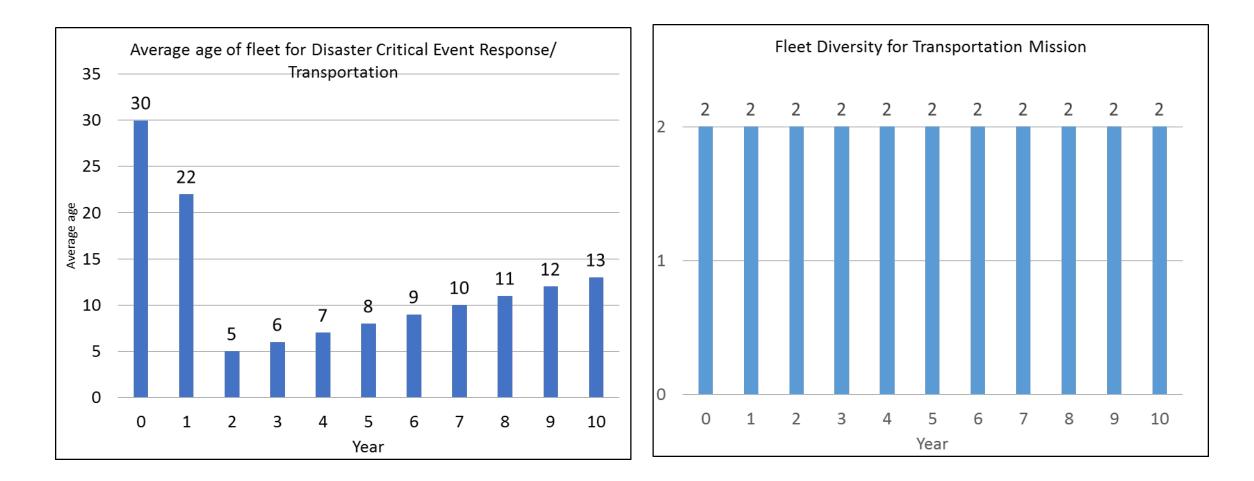




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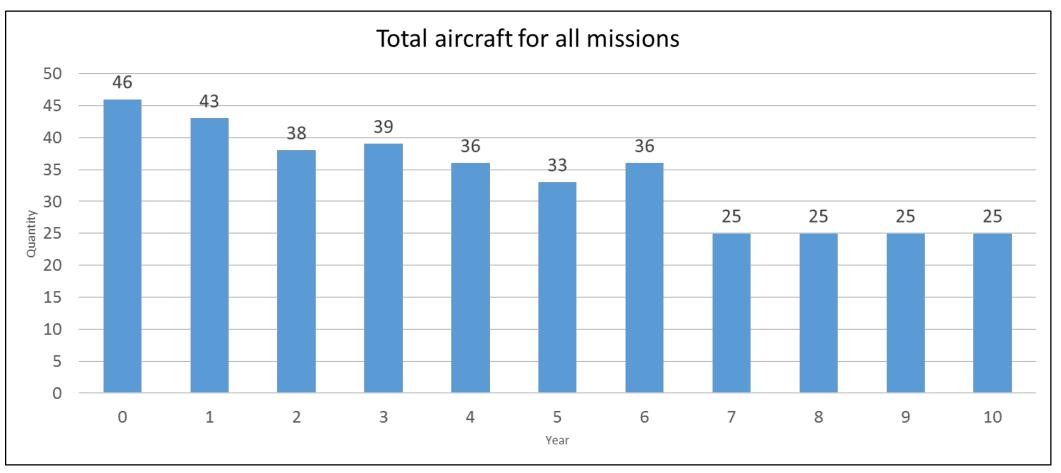
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#### Critical Event Response/ Transportation -Recommended Fleet



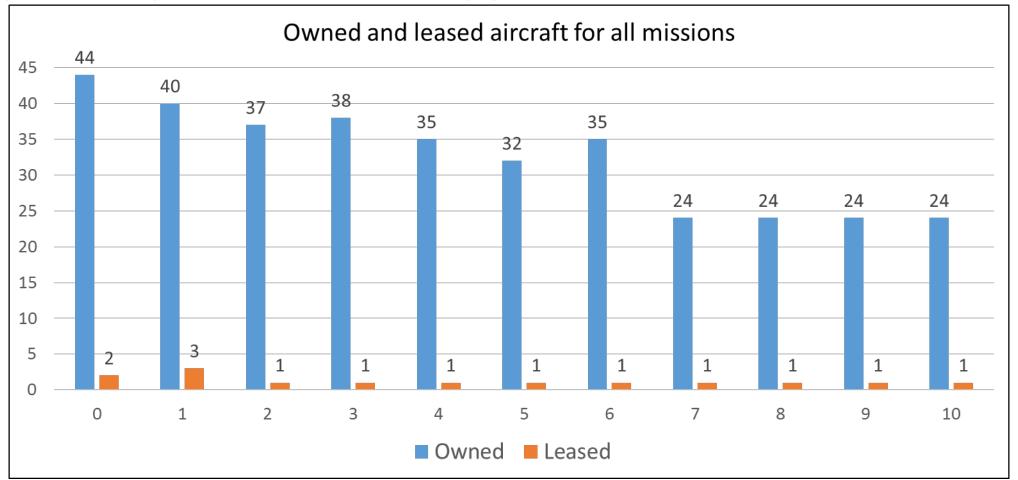


#### Inventory of all aircraft by year



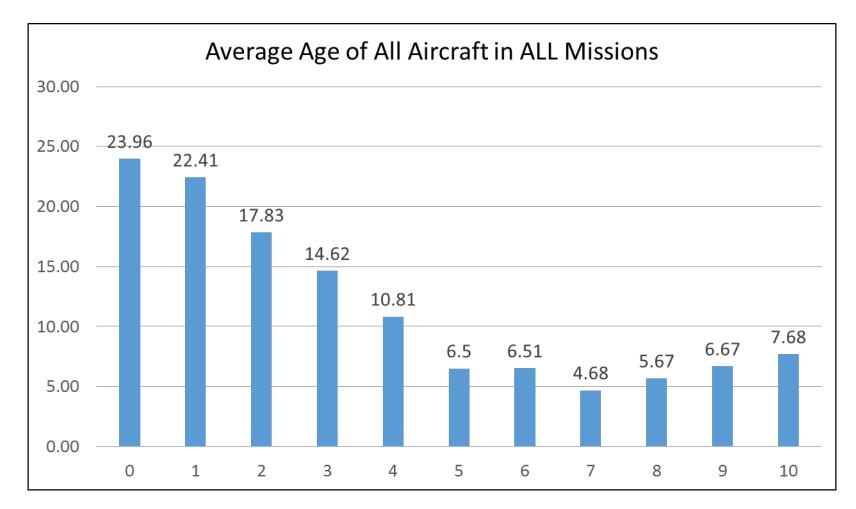


#### Inventory of all buy and lease aircraft by year



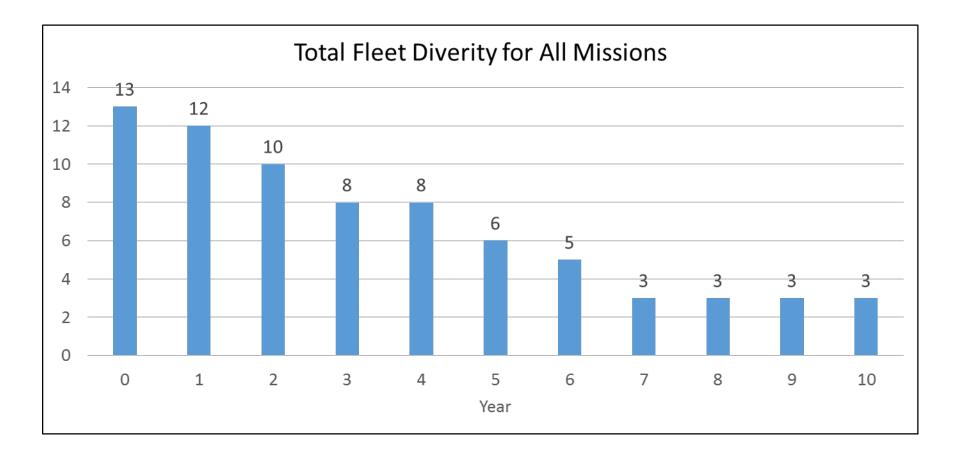


#### Average age of all aircraft



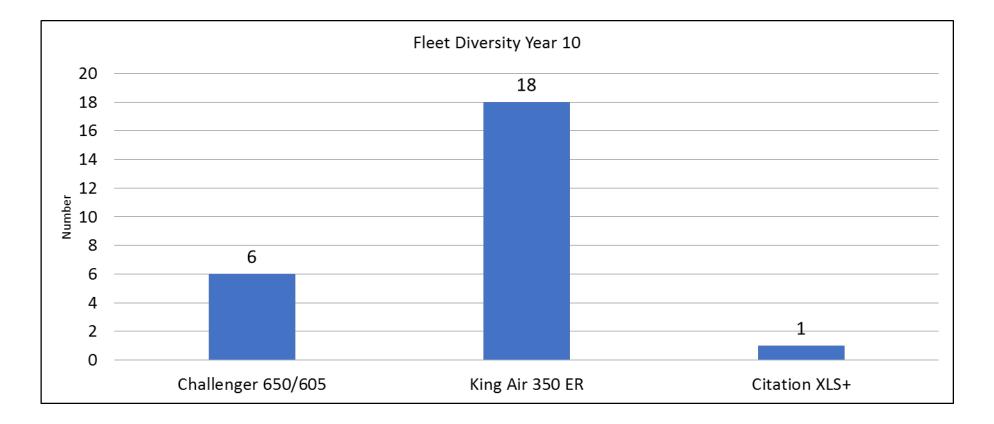


**Fleet Diversity** 

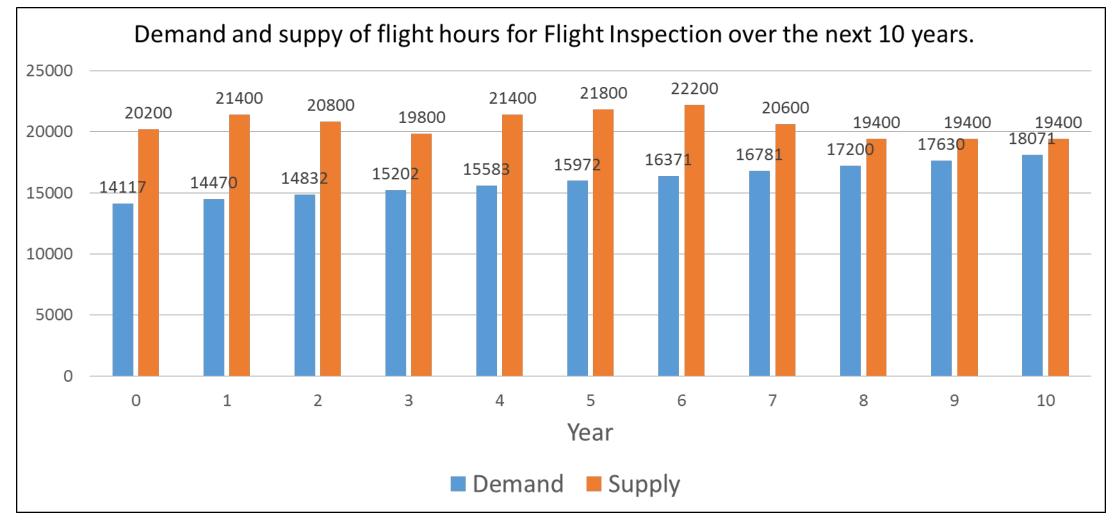




#### **Steady State Fleet Diversity**









## Value and Impact to the FAA

- A comprehensive analysis of current fleet composition in relation to mission needs and requirements .
- Recommendations on fleet mix, acquisition and retiring strategies within budget.
- Multi criteria fleet selection including support for missions, OEM support, avionics, cost and leasing options.
- Reduced fleet diversity



**AJF Fleet Modernization Study** 

# Thank you

## Questions?

