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# Southwest Airlines Names Craig Drew Vice President Flight Operations

DALLAS, May 22, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- [Southwest Airlines](#) (NYSE: LUV) – Southwest Airlines announced this week that [Captain Craig Drew](#) has been named Vice President Flight Operations. In his new role, effective June 2, Drew will be responsible for the airline's flight operations functions, which include 10 Pilot Bases nationwide, Crew Scheduling, and the Flight Training Center.

"Craig has a strong vision and energy for Leading Southwest's Flight Operations into the future," said Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Mike Van de Ven. "He knows the importance of Teamwork and developing outstanding People. I am looking forward to partnering with Craig in his new role."

Additionally, after serving as Vice President Flight Operations for the past seven years, Captain Chuck Magill is taking on a new position at the carrier as Vice President Operational Coordination. In this role, Magill will work closely with Frontline Employees to ensure operational excellence across all departments.

Drew began his Southwest career in 1990 as a First Officer and was promoted to Captain in 1994. For the last seven years, he has served as the Chief Pilot of the Las Vegas Base. His accomplishments include graduating from Southwest's Managers in Training Program, a course designed for high performers; serving as a Check Airman since 2007; and participating in the Company's Adopt-A-Pilot Community Relations program for the last 12 years. Prior to joining Southwest, Drew served as the Director of Flight Standards at SkyWest Airlines and was an FAA Designated Examiner. Drew holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate with a type rating in the 737. Drew earned a Bachelor of Science from Brigham Young University and a Master of Science from California State University.

As Vice President Flight Operations, Drew will lead approximately 8,300 Flight Operations Employees, managing the hiring, training, safety, standardization, and administration of the carrier's Pilots. He and his Team will work closely to continue developing and implementing policies and procedures to ensure safe and efficient flight operations at Southwest Airlines.

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