



KEVIN L. CHAPMAN

Biography

Kevin Lee Chapman serves as an Aviation Pilot for the State of West Virginia Aviation Division.

Kevin is a West Virginia native and has been a part of a family-owned FBO/Flight school operation since his youth. It was in this environment that he started his professional career as a pilot. Kevin started flying under the flight instruction of his father, Donnie, from a small grass strip on the Ohio River in a vintage Cessna at the age of twelve. He then started flying sailplanes at the age of fifteen, soloed nine different aircraft upon turning sixteen, and received his pilot's license at seventeen. He then graduated from Flight Safety International in Vero Beach, Florida with his commercial certificates (SEL, MEL, and IA). He then completed his Airline Transport certification at the age of nineteen, having it issued at twenty-three.

Kevin has flown for several corporate and part 135 air taxi operations, serving as both pilot and Director of Operations. He has also served in various offices from chief pilot, aircraft manager, flight instructor, and captain on corporate jets in both domestic and international fields. Kevin's Flight Instructor certification holds a current Gold-Seal status with Single/Multi-engine aircraft ratings (with experience in land and sea including hull, amphibious, and floats, and tail-wheel aircraft), Sailplane, Instrument Airplane, and both Instrument and Advanced Ground Instructor certificates. His Airline Transport Pilot certificate includes G1159, HS125, and BE300 type ratings, and he has logged over 11,000 hours with a perfect safety record.

Kevin and his wife, Erika reside near the Ona Airport in Ona, WV with their two children, Zoey and Zylar.

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