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The National Transportation Safety Board is an independent United States investigative agency that examines accidents across transport networks. This is done through the party process, whereby teams are hired to assist in the investigation process. The party process is a reliable method because the teams involved have several limitations. First, they are not allowed to provide public statements regarding the accidents, especially on the causes. The NTSB is the sole organization allowed to provide such information to the public due to sensitivity (lexology, 2020). Limiting the parties eliminates cases where controversial information would be given, thus interfering with the investigation process. The parties also have limits during internal evaluations and communication. They are not involved in all the activities in the investigation, but only those that concern them. Apart from that, parties are banned from litigation pleadings, reaching evidence and the consultant's view during work. These limits ensure that the investigation process is protected and accurate findings presented.

With the party process, the NTSB considers other parties to assist in the investigation process. Notably, the NTSB handles over 2000 aviation cases each year and many other road and water transport accidents. The teams selected must be experts in the concerned fields. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the main party to conduct investigations to assist the NTSB (lexology, 2020). In choosing the additional parties, conditions are in place. For instance, no legal firm or individuals are permitted to take part. Moreover, all teams must offer the NTSB direct information where its accuracy undergoes verification before being used. If the data is reliable, the NTSB's group leader writes a factual document put in the investigation's records. Family members whose loved ones were involved in the accidents are also not allowed to be

party process members. Therefore, the NTSB locates reliable groups to participate in the investigation process meeting the said conditions.

The party process involves different activities that collect data after which analysis starts. When an airline gets involved in an accident, a Go Team is selected, referring to people that would respond fast whenever the need arises. They carry research tools such as screwdrivers, flashlights and cameras. Moreover, every member has all details about the airplane involved, such as the crew history, structures, systems, weather and survival factors. The employees have to gather all data at the scene and interview the survivors if they are there (baumhedludlaw, 2021). Normally, the team is more vigorous during the first 48 hours after the incident because most evidence is evident. After the documentation and examinations are through, the NTSB determines the available data about the accident. The department could reorganize the parts collected in a laboratory to assess what caused the accident. A formal report is later released to the public explaining the accident.

The main responsibility of the party process is to determine the cause of the accident. The information empowers it to advise manufacturers, the government, and other parties so that incidences in the future get avoided (baumhedludlaw, 2021). It is a reliable way of preventing future accidents because enough research and analysis is done before conclusions are made. Also, the NTSB advises families of accidents' victims on the necessary actions to take. For example, families are directed to file for compensation for the loss caused if the airline company is responsible for the issue. The organization cooperates with other departments such as the Red Cross to ensure families are taken care of after losing their loved ones. It is done because aviation crashes are severe, that in some cases the family does not recover the bodies for burial.

In summation, the NTSB party process is a sensitive aspect in aviation and the general transport's safety. It investigates accidents to determine the cause and advise on measures to be implemented, to prevent future cases. Since the process is tedious, sensitive and complicated, additional teams would be selected to assist after meeting the conditions stated above. Doing this ensures all data needed for analysis is collected.

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