



Internal Memorandum

Date: 9/16/2022

To: Captain Michael G. Perrin, Regional Director & Chief Pilot – DTW CPO

From: Captain Kevin O'Reilly

Subject: II22-114: Flight Attendant Injury -Turbulence during descent prior to final approach notification DL2968 29AUG22 BUF-DTW N946AT B-717-200 (9506)
CAP: O'REILLY, K.; **FO:** AERNI, R.J.

This statement is provided at the request of the DTW Chief Pilot's Office.

On August 29, 2022, I was Captain of Delta Air Lines Flight #2968 from BUF-DTW.

I conducted a preflight brief with the Flight Leader. Included in the brief was the possibility of light to moderate chop in the descent in the DTW area, mainly below 12,000. This was based upon information from the Widget Weather app.

I told the Flight Leader to plan on receiving initial and final early due to the chance of turbulence. The main cabin was not going to receive any service due to the short flight.

The flight was at cruise on the TPGUN2 arrival when I gave the initial PA for arrival preparation. During the initial descent, at approximately FL200, we started picking up some light chop with a few encounters of moderate chop. We were out of the chop in about a minute. I gave the final indication (two chimes) shortly afterward.

I overheard the Flight Leader give the final PA over my intercom after receiving the two chimes. The remainder of the descent was mainly smooth with a little light chop.

We arrived at the gate and completed the normal shutdown procedures. The First Officer was saying goodbye to the passengers for a few minutes, then the Flight Leader came to the cockpit. She told me she had lost her footing in the descent when we encountered the turbulence and hit her left abdomen against a galley latch. She stated it seemed like it was just sore but requested I report it to be safe. I agreed and told her I would fill out an ASR that day and for her to let me know if I could do anything to help.

Shortly after the deplaning was complete, the crew gathered their belongings and exited the aircraft. As we exited, the Flight Leader showed signs of being in pain. As she tried to pull her bags up the jetway, I could see she was struggling. We grabbed her bags, and all exited the jetway.

As she continued to walk, her side was becoming more painful. We all decided to walk to the next gate and have her sit down. One of the other Flight Attendants said she would go to the crew lounge and notify a supervisor.

I stayed with the Lead Flight Attendant, and the supervisors arrived a brief time later. They advised the paramedics had been called and would be arriving shortly (which they did).

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The paramedics briefly evaluated the Flight Leader and took her to the local hospital for a further evaluation.

I filed the appropriate ASAP/ASR forms that afternoon.

I acknowledge release of this statement to [Delta Flight Safety](#).

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Kevin O'Reilly

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(Signature on file)