

Airport Security

In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, we have been forced to increase security in all areas of life and to reevaluate areas that may not have been considered security sensitive in the past, especially in aviation. The Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration have placed great emphasis on increasing security at commercial airports with airline service. They have published very detailed security policies for protecting passengers and aircraft from attack and preventing aircraft from being used as weapons. However, only general guidance has been disseminated to assist with security at general aviation airports but no policies have yet been published.

Until policies/guidelines are issued for the general aviation airports, airport owners are encouraged to implement security procedures to protect against any acts of terrorism involving aircraft based at the airport.

To assist in this effort, we have prepared two posters, General Aviation Security Information and Lock Your Airplane, which identify suspicious activities, precautions to be taken and lists telephone numbers for reporting possible security activity. These posters were sent to airport owners for distribution to pilots, businesses and others that have a regular presence at airports and to be posted in conspicuous locations on the airports.

We encourage all airport users to be vigilant of suspicious activities at any airport and report them to the local law enforcement offices and the FBI as noted on the General Aviation Security Information poster.

The Aeronautics Division can be contacted to answer questions that you may have regarding security at general aviation airports.

Questions regarding security at the commercial airports should be directed to the individual airport.