



## **Vanquishing the V/PD**

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This publication is primarily directed towards airport management to be disseminated to all levels of personnel working at your airfield. It does not matter how large or how small your airfield or how tight your budget may be, this information must be made available to your people by whatever means. Vanquishing the V/PD can be accomplished through a solid partnership between the FAA and airport management. The responsibility of making sure that the proper safeguards are in place; however, lies squarely on the shoulders of the airport management. Please use this information and all that follows as a guide by which to produce a safer environment at your airfield.

Many of the vehicle/pedestrian deviations (V/PDs) in the Western-Pacific Region are caused by photographers. These enthusiastic shutter bugs are doing what comes natural--trying to get that one, perfect shot. Unfortunately, while pursuing that perfect shot, many photographers often position themselves in the movement area, thus becoming a hazard to aircraft and exposing themselves to danger.

So how can we prevent shutter bugs from entering the movement area and keep them out of harms way?

 Escort all photographers and film crews.

- ✈️ Make sure that any tenant, pilot or airport operations employee escorting a photographer remains with that photographer at all times while on the airport property.
- ✈️ Make sure that the person escorting the photographer and the photographer recognizes the limits of the movement area and all the associated markings.
- ✈️ Encourage the use of telephoto lenses rather than creative positioning.
- ✈️ When hosting fly-ins or air shows instruct security personnel to be alert to photographers.
- ✈️ Instruct film crews not to wander unescorted past the confines of the shooting area.

We all enjoy photographs of vintage aircraft, first solo flights or large aircraft lifting into the air. These images can be captured without risk to aircraft operations, film crews or photographers. If these simple rules presented in this article are followed, there is no reason why a photographer cannot get that one, perfect shot **safely**.

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