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TO: AIRPORT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTORS
TOPIC: AIRPORTS WITH LESS THAN FULL-TIME ARFF COVERAGE

Many airports certificated under 14 CFR part 139 provide Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) services for specified periods of time or scheduled air carrier flights only. The operators of these airports risk a violation of part 139 if an unscheduled air carrier operation occurs when ARFF coverage is not available.

Operators can protect themselves against this risk by placing a notice in the A/FD indicating that prior permission is required for an unscheduled air carrier flight. This is identified as a PPR, along with other information about restrictions on operations at the airport.

This information is also included in the ACM/ACS, and it is the certificate holder's responsibility to ensure that the information is accurate and reflects the current ARFF status.

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