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## **Southern Region Safety Awards**

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Each year the Southern Region Airports Division recognizes excellence in airports and airport managers throughout the region with the issuance of select awards. The FAA Southern Region Airports Division gives these awards to commend recipients for their hard work, diligence, and devoted efforts in improving airport safety. The awards, in a small way, reflect the respect that the FAA Southern Region Airports Division has for the many airports and airport managers within the region that have dedicated themselves to excellence in aviation and aviation safety.

The Southern Region Airports Division gives the following annual awards:

- Air Carrier Airport Safety Award
- Air Carrier Airport Manager of the Year
- General Aviation Airport Safety Award
- General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year
- Airport Safety Mark of Distinction Award

### **Air Carrier Airport Safety Award**

The FAA Southern Region Airports Division Safety Awards program allows the division to recognize air carrier airports that have taken actions, instituted programs, or otherwise operated in such a manner deserving of special recognition for improving airport safety.

Selection criteria for the Air Carrier Airport Safety Award are based on the development or implementation of a specific program or activity, or other special and unique accomplishments, involving the operation of an air carrier airport that resulted in enhanced safety.

#### **Submitting a nomination**

Each airport requesting consideration should provide to Southern Region Airports Division, ASO-620, in a format of their choice, the following:

- A brief statement identifying the airport being nominated (self-nominations are acceptable)
- A description of the specific accomplishment or activity that has clearly or significantly enhanced airport safety
- Any accompanying information, supplemental graphics, or explanatory material that may help to describe or support the nomination

### Period and deadline

The period of consideration is October 1 to September 30. The Airports Division must receive the packets by November 30.

### Evaluations

An Airports Division selection committee evaluates nominations in the following areas:

- Evaluation of the specific activity, program, or accomplishment that has clearly or significantly enhanced airport safety
- Evaluation of the positive contributions to safety as a result of the airport initiative
- Evaluation of any ongoing or potential benefit resulting from the activity, program, or accomplishment

### Notification of award

The Southern Region Airports Division will notify winners of their selection and will set a date to physically present the award.

### Past winners (last 5 years), Air Carrier Airport Safety Award

Year	Winner	City, State
2022	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport	Atlanta, GA
2021	Mobile Downtown Airport	Mobile, AL
2020	Columbus Airport	Columbus, GA
2019	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport	Atlanta, GA
2018	Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport	Cincinnati, KY

## **Air Carrier Airport Manager of the Year Award**

Each year the Southern Region Airports Division will select an Air Carrier Airport Manager of the Year -- someone who in the eyes of the selection committee exemplifies excellence in airport management.

### **Selection criteria**

The Southern Region Airports Divisions' Air Carrier Airport Manager year is expected to be someone who has exhibited exceptional aviation leadership. It should be someone who has tirelessly worked to promote the aviation industry, or someone who has striven to achieve efficiencies and improved productivity with their organization. Although this is an incomplete list, the selection committee will consider factors like those below when making their selection:

- Significant accomplishments
- Unique displays of leadership
- Membership in professional, civic, or fraternal organizations
- Development initiatives
- Awards received
- Improvements in safety/security, or significant safety/security initiatives
- Public affairs accomplishments
- Significant cost-savings or efficiencies achieved

### **Submitting a nomination**

Applications/nominations for this award will be accepted from outside the agency but are not required. The Airports Division awards committee will evaluate the actions, accomplishments, and leadership of airport managers throughout the region and will select the nominees. The nominees may be contacted and may be given the opportunity to provide additional, supplemental information to support their nomination.

### **Period and deadline**

The period of consideration is October 1 to September 30. Packets must be received in the Airports Division office by November 30.

### **Evaluations**

The award committee will use their own research, as well as information provided by the nominee, to make their selection.

## Notification of award

Normally, the award committee will work to select nominees by the end of November and will finalize their selection by the end of the calendar year. The winner will then receive notification and the award presentation date will be set

## Past award winners (last 5 years), Air Carrier Airport Manager of the Year Award

Year	Winners	Airport	City, State
2022	Fredrick J. Piccolo, CEO	Sarasota Bradenton International Airport	Sarasota, FL
2021	James W. Parish, P.E., CEO	Punta Gorda Airport	Punta Gorda, FL
2020	Benjamin R. Siegel; C.P.A., C.M.	Southwest Florida International Airport	Fort Meyers, FL
2019	Andrew Shorter, C.M.	Coastal Carolina Regional Airport	New Bern, NC
2018	David J. Pollard	Tallahassee International Airport	Tallahassee, FL

## General Aviation Airport Safety Award

The FAA Southern Region Airports Division Safety Awards program allows the division to recognize general aviation airports that have taken actions, instituted programs, or otherwise operated in such a manner deserving of special recognition for improving airport safety.

### Selection criteria

Selection criteria for the General Aviation Airport Safety Award are based on the development or implementation of a specific program or activity, or other special and unique accomplishments, involving the operation of an air carrier airport that resulted in enhanced safety.

### Submitting a nomination

Each airport requesting consideration should provide to Southern Region Airports Division, ASO-620, in a format of their choice, the following:

- A brief statement identifying the airport being nominated (self-nominations are acceptable).
- A description of the specific accomplishment or activity that has clearly or significantly enhanced airport safety.
- Any accompanying information, supplemental graphics, or explanatory material that may help to describe or support the nomination.

### Period and deadline

The period of consideration is October 1 to September 30. Packets must be received in the Airports Division office by November 30.

### Evaluations

An Airports Division selection committee evaluates nominations in the following areas:

- Evaluation of the specific activity, program, or accomplishment that has clearly or significantly enhanced airport safety.
- Evaluation of the positive contributions to safety as a result of the airport initiative.
- Evaluation of any ongoing or potential benefit resulting from the activity, program, or accomplishment.

### Notification of award

The winner will be notified of the selection and a date will be set to physically award the winner (most likely during the annual communications conference, usually held in January).

### Past award winners (last 5 years), General Aviation Airport Safety Award

Year	Winner	City, State
2022	Murfreesboro Municipal Airport	Murfreesboro, TN
2021	Naples Airport Authority	Naples, FL
2020	Lakeland Linder International Airport	Lakeland, FL
2019	Rocky Mount – Wilson Regional Airport	Elm City, NC
2018	Flagler Executive Airport	Palm Coast, FL

## **General Aviation Manager of the Year Award**

Each year the Southern Region Airports Division will select a Commercial Service Airport Manager of the Year -- someone who in the eyes of the selection committee exemplifies excellence in airport management.

### **Selection criteria**

The Southern Region Airports Division General Aviation Airport Manager of the year is expected to be someone who has exhibited exceptional aviation leadership. It should be someone who has tirelessly worked to promote the aviation industry, or someone who has striven to achieve efficiencies and improved productivity with their organization. Although this is an incomplete list, the selection committee will consider factors like those below when making their selection:

- Significant accomplishments
- Unique displays of leadership
- Membership in professional, civic, or fraternal organizations
- Development initiatives
- Awards received
- Improvements in safety/security, or significant safety/security initiatives
- Public affairs accomplishments
- Significant cost-savings or efficiencies achieved

### **Submitting a nomination**

Applications/nominations for this award will be accepted from outside the agency but are not required. The Airports Division awards committee will evaluate the actions, accomplishments, and leadership of general aviation airport managers throughout the region and will select the nominees. The nominees may be contacted and may be given the opportunity to provide additional, supplemental information to support their nomination.

### **Period and deadline**

The period of consideration is October 1 to September 30. Packets must be received in the Airports Division office by November 30.

### **Evaluations**

The award committee will use their own research, as well as information provided by the nominee, to make their selection.

## Notification of award

Normally, the award committee will work to select nominees by the end of November and will finalize their selection by the end of the calendar year. The winner will then receive notification and the award presentation date will be set.

## Past award winners (last 5 years), General Aviation Manager of the Year Award

Year	Winner	Airport	City, State
2022	Denise Ellis, Airport Manager	Ozark Airport – Blackwell Field	Ozark, AL
2021	Danny Moyd, CEO	Donaldson Field Airport	Greenville, SC
2020	Brandon Gray	Wayne Executive JetPort	Pikeville, NC
2019	Cyrus T. Callum, A.A.E., C.M.	Orlando Executive Airport	Orlando, FL
2018	Gene Conrad	Lakeland Linder Regional Airport	Lakeland, FL



## Airport Safety Mark of Distinction Award

In order to recognize more airports, more often for all they do for airport safety, the FAA Southern Region Airports Division awards the "Airport Safety Mark of Distinction."



### Selection Criteria

Airports Division will award airports that display exemplary effort or initiative in the name of airport safety the "Airport Safety Mark of Distinction" award. The FAA Southern Region Airport Certification Safety Inspector assigned to an airport can nominate that airport for this award.

Any special airport program, initiative, effort, or record that has or shows promise to dramatically enhance airport safety, is eligible for recognition. If you have a special program, initiative, or record that you feel is worthy of praise, let your ACSI know so that he or she can evaluate the effort to see if it meets the standard for the award.

### Submission Information

Independent submissions are unnecessary for this award. Normally, airports will be nominated for this award by the Airport Certification Safety Inspector (ACSI) assigned to that airport for actions and efforts in the name of airport safety that the individual ACSI feels are exemplary and worthy of recognition. However, individual airports or airport officials can submit documentation recommending an airport for the award. They should submit nomination documents to the Certification Inspector assigned to that airport for his/her initial review.

## Period and deadline

Airports can receive this award any time, as the award is based on a specific action. The award has no specific time period.

## Evaluations

The Southern Region Airports Division Airport Certification team will follow-up on all nominations received to determine eligibility.

## Notification of Award

Airports Division will notify airports of the award. Winners will also receive recognition of the award at the next Airports Division conference.

## Past award winners (last 5 years), Airport Safety Mark of Distinction Award

Year	Airports
2022	[Not Awarded]
2021	[Not Awarded]
2020	[Not Awarded]
2019	Tampa International Airport
2018	Myrtle Beach International Airport