



# Vanquishing the V/PD

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This publication is directed primarily towards airport management to be disseminated to all levels of personnel working at your airfield. 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 airport management. Please use this information and all that follows as a guide by which to provide a safer environment at your airfield.

FAA Airports Division wishes to extend all of the airports in the Western-Pacific Region (AWP) a Happy New Year.

As of December 31, 2015, AWP CY 2015 V/PD statistics were as follows:

	Runway Incursions	Surface Incidents	VPD Totals
139 Airports	23	13	36
GA Airports	31	21	52
Totals	54	34	88

- In calendar year 2015 the Western Pacific Region experienced a total of 88 V/PDs (13% fewer than CY 2014).
- In calendar year 2015 V/PDs were 31% lower at 139 airports as compared to GA airports. In CY 2014 total V/PDs were evenly split between GA and 139 airports.

- Total V/PD runway incursions (RIs) in CY 2015 were 54 as opposed to 50 in CY 2014-an 8% increase.
- In calendar year 2015 total runway incursions (RIs) were 37% higher than surface incidents (SIs). In CY 2014 the RI vs. SI count was nearly even.

The majority of CY 2015 V/PDs were caused by:

- 24 Trespassers
- 8 Improperly escorted visitors
- 6 Aircraft Maintenance tows or taxies
- 6 Airfield operations or airfield maintenance
- 4 ARFF
- 4 Airport police
- 4 Transient pilots on foot

In CY 2014 the number one cause of V/PDs were tenants not following airport procedures (14). In CY 2015 that number dropped to 3.

In summary, we can all celebrate that total AWP V/PDs were down by 13% in CY 2015. We can celebrate that airport tenants appear to be self-policing their activities. Lastly, we can celebrate that, because of the efforts put forth by airport management and air traffic control tower personnel, no major incidents or accidents resulted from V/PDs in the Western-Pacific Region in CY 2015. Additionally, there were no category A or B, V/PD runway incursions in the Western-Pacific Region in CY 2015.

Congratulations and Happy New Year!

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