



## 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. 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.

Former New York City Mayor Ed Koch was famous for asking his constituents “So, how am I doing?” As FY 2012 draws to a close, airports in the Western-Pacific Region concerned about V/PD related runway incursion statistics may ask the same question. So how *are* we doing?

First, let’s look at four years of **V/PD, runway incursion** statistics for the Western-Pacific Region (**AWP**):

<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>*31</b>	<b>AWP experienced its lowest year. Nice.</b>
<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>43</b>	
<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>42</b>	
<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>36</b>	

Second, let’s look at four years of **V/PD statistics** (runway incursions and surface incidents combined) for **AWP**:

<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>*78</b>	<b>AWP experienced a spike.</b>
<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>63</b>	
<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>69</b>	

**FY 2009      60**

Now we will look at four years of **V/PD, Runway Incursion** statistics, **nationally** (all Regions):

**FY 2012      \*185      The nation is trending upward. (Data valid thru 9/27/12).**  
**FY 2011      183**  
**FY 2010      181**  
**FY 2009      199**

Lastly, let's study a table showing **AWP RIs and V/PDs** occurring at **Certificated 139 airports vs. general aviation airports (GA)**.

FY	RIs				All VPDs			
	RI 139	%	RI Non-139	%	VPD 139	%	VPD Non-139	%
2008	23	53%	20	47%	38	58%	27	42%
2009	26	72%	10	28%	34	57%	26	43%
2010	19	45%	23	55%	35	51%	34	49%
2011	23	53%	20	47%	29	46%	34	54%
*2012	10	32%	21	68%	23	29%	55	71%

**\*2012 FY end statistics are preliminary and subject to change pending official analysis and classification.**

As the chart shows, there is a jumpy, yet downward trend of V/PD RIs at AWP Certificated 139 airports. But there is a very definite downward trend of total V/PDs occurring at AWP Certificated 139 airports. None of the statistics in this article include maintenance taxi operations.

So, how are we doing? V/PD runway incursions at Certificated 139 airports and GA airports are at an all-time low in the Western-Pacific Region. With Certificated 139 airports continuing to focus attention on driver training efforts and GA airports stepping up efforts on proper escorting procedures, tenant outreach and analysis of root causes of V/PDs, I am convinced overall V/PD statistics will show very pronounced downward trends across the board in years to come.

Congratulations!

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