



June 24, 2010

Dear Falcon Field Tenants and Neighbors,

Important note for calendars: 6/30 Open house postponed to September.

The Falcon Field Airport 'Fly Friendly' Program Open House (part of the City's ongoing efforts to keep the community informed about the Fly Friendly program) that was scheduled on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. has been postponed to September. A new date has tentatively been set for September 1, 2010. We will keep you informed as the details are confirmed.

In the meantime, attached is the presentation that we would have presented. It provides updated information about the ongoing efforts being made to respond to the Ad Hoc Task Force Recommendations. The open house in September will feature the attached presentation (or one very similar) and will also provide an opportunity for you to visit informally with members of the FAA.

As always, we appreciate your interest in Falcon Field and our efforts to balance community and tenant needs in order to ensure the success of the airport and the community. If you have comments about the information in the presentation, please submit that feedback through our on-line comment form at <http://apps.mesaaz.gov/FalconField/Comments.aspx>

Have a great summer!



Falcon Field “Fly Friendly” Program Update

June 30, 2010

Prepared by City of Mesa



Ad Hoc Task Force

- Created in April 2009; Completed work August 2009.
- Members:
 - Community & neighborhood
 - Airport businesses including large flight training academy
 - Recreational pilots



Ad Hoc Task Force Members

- Gerry Blomquist – Community Representative
- Bob Brown – Falcon Field Tenants & Users Assn.
- Jerod Bybee – CAE Global Academy (Sabena)
- Al Gardner – Community Representative
- Thomas Hertzler – Tango One Aviation
- John Perkinson – Community Representative
- Otto Shill – Aircraft Owners & Pilots Assn.
- David Wayne – Community Representative



Task Force Mission and Outcome

MISSION: Suggest reasonable compromises that balance and respond to varying interests regarding how aircraft operations should be conducted at Falcon Field while ensuring the airport's long-term success.

OUTCOME: 20 Strategies and Recommendations for accomplishing the Mission.



City's Implementation Role

- Advocate Task Force messages to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and regionally.
- Seek reasonable compliance with training academies/flight schools and pilot community.
- Expedite key capital improvements.
- Stay the course while also implementing solutions and new approaches to Fly Friendly Program.

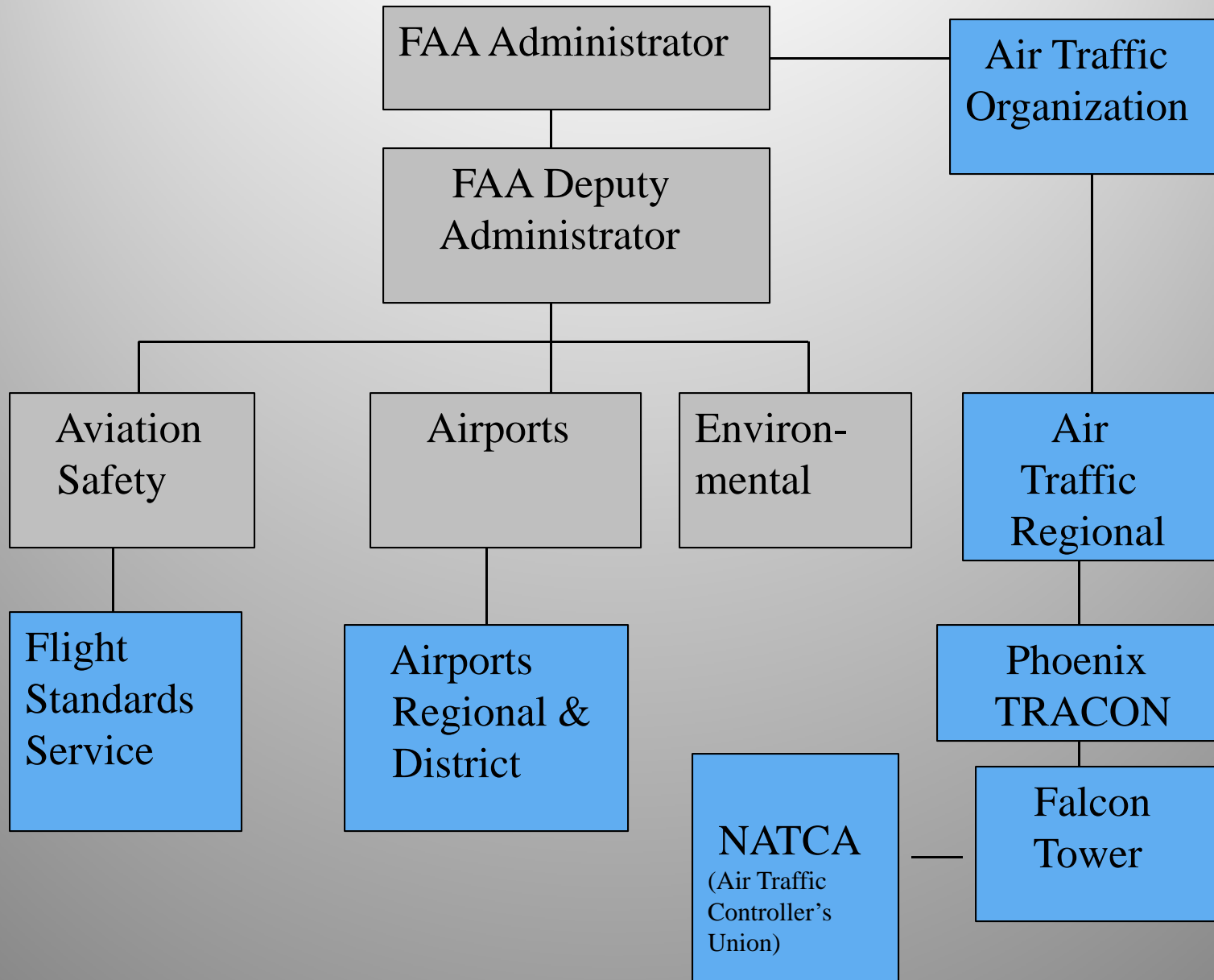


Key Categories

Task Force Recommendations

- **Aircraft Operations**
- **Flight Training Commitments**
- **Capital Infrastructure Improvements**
- **Information and Education**

FAA Offices Involved (in blue)



Aircraft Operations Accomplishments

FAA:

- Has increased the altitude where pilots should fly to 1,000 feet above the ground unless taking off or landing.
- Directs training flights to the north runway as much as possible.
- Directs aircraft to depart to the northeast when winds are calm.
- Requests aircraft to fly close to the airport when preparing to land in case they have an emergency and need to land quickly on the runway.



Operations

Aircraft Operations Accomplishments

FAA has also:

- Promoted Fly Friendly Program and aircraft safety at recent pilot workshop held at Falcon Field.
- Will be holding another pilot workshop at Falcon Field on October 9, 2010.



Operations

Aircraft Operations Accomplishments

The City:

- Records pilot radio transmissions 24/7.
- Updated the public noise complaint reporting and response system (email/telephone).
- Reviews all noise/safety complaints and follows up on specific incidents.



Operations

Flight Training Commitment Accomplishments

- The City meets regularly with the FAA Tower and CAE Flight Academy.
- CAE and Falcon Executive Aviation flight training schools have provided written commitments to follow Task Force Recommendations whenever possible.
- CAE cancelled flight operations in observation of the 2010 Easter Sunday as a courtesy to neighbors.



Capital Improvements Accomplishments

The City:

- Completed expansion of the area where pilots prepare for departure to the north/northeast
- Improvements are scheduled to be made to north runway in September to promote use of this runway by training schools
- Installed noise abatement reminder signs for pilots to read just prior to departure.



Infrastructure

Information and Education Accomplishments

The City:

- Tracks and analyzes citizen complaints on charts and graphs.
- Is working with FAA to install a flight tracking data system that will show:
 - Where an aircraft is flying
 - The aircraft's altitude
 - The time of day



Education

Information and Education Accomplishments

The City also:

- Updated the “Fly Friendly” Pilot Guide.
- Sent Task Force Recommendations to all airport tenants.
- Requires tenants to commit to “flying friendly” (when safety allows) as a condition of gaining access through City-owned airfield gates.



Education

Information and Education Accomplishments

The City:

- Meets with aviation groups regularly to discuss the “Fly Friendly” Program:
 - Falcon Field tenants
 - Arizona Flight Training Work Group
 - Phoenix Airspace Users Work Group



Education

Information and Education Accomplishments

**The City also provides “Fly Friendly”
information:**

- In FAA Facility Directory (pilot directory of airports)
- In the airport terminal building
- To new hangar/tie-down tenants
- On the Falcon Field:
 - Telephone message
 - Website, Facebook, and Twitter pages
 - Tenant invoices
 - Access Gate Signs



Education

Information and Education Accomplishments

The City:

- Sends email updates to 500+ airport tenants and 90+ community members.
- Revised the Airport Public Disclosure Map that is published on the Arizona Real Estate Dept. website.
- Created a “Fly Friendly” Video.
- Held the 2nd Annual Falcon Field Open House.
- Created the ‘Freddy’ the Falcon Program (for our future pilots)



Education

Information and Education Accomplishments

And finally, the City:

- Sent letters and provided 'Fly Friendly Program' information to all:
 - Flight schools/academies in the greater metropolitan Phoenix area
 - All fixed base operators in the State
 - Arizona airports



Education



Next Steps to be Taken By the City

- Collect and evaluate flight tracking data once FAA approves and the system is installed.
- Continue to research the possibility of including noise abatement info on pilot weather broadcasts.
- Locate additional aviation websites and publications to post ‘Fly Friendly’ information.
- Create ‘Fly Friendly’ promotional giveaways.
- Begin outreach to area real estate agents.



*Thank you for your interest in the
Falcon Field "Fly Friendly" Program*



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