



Falcon Field ‘Fly Friendly’ Program Update

September 1, 2010

Prepared by City of Mesa



Ad Hoc Task Force

- Created and completed work in 2009.
- Members:
 - Community & neighborhood
 - Airport businesses, including large flight training academy
 - Recreational pilots



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.

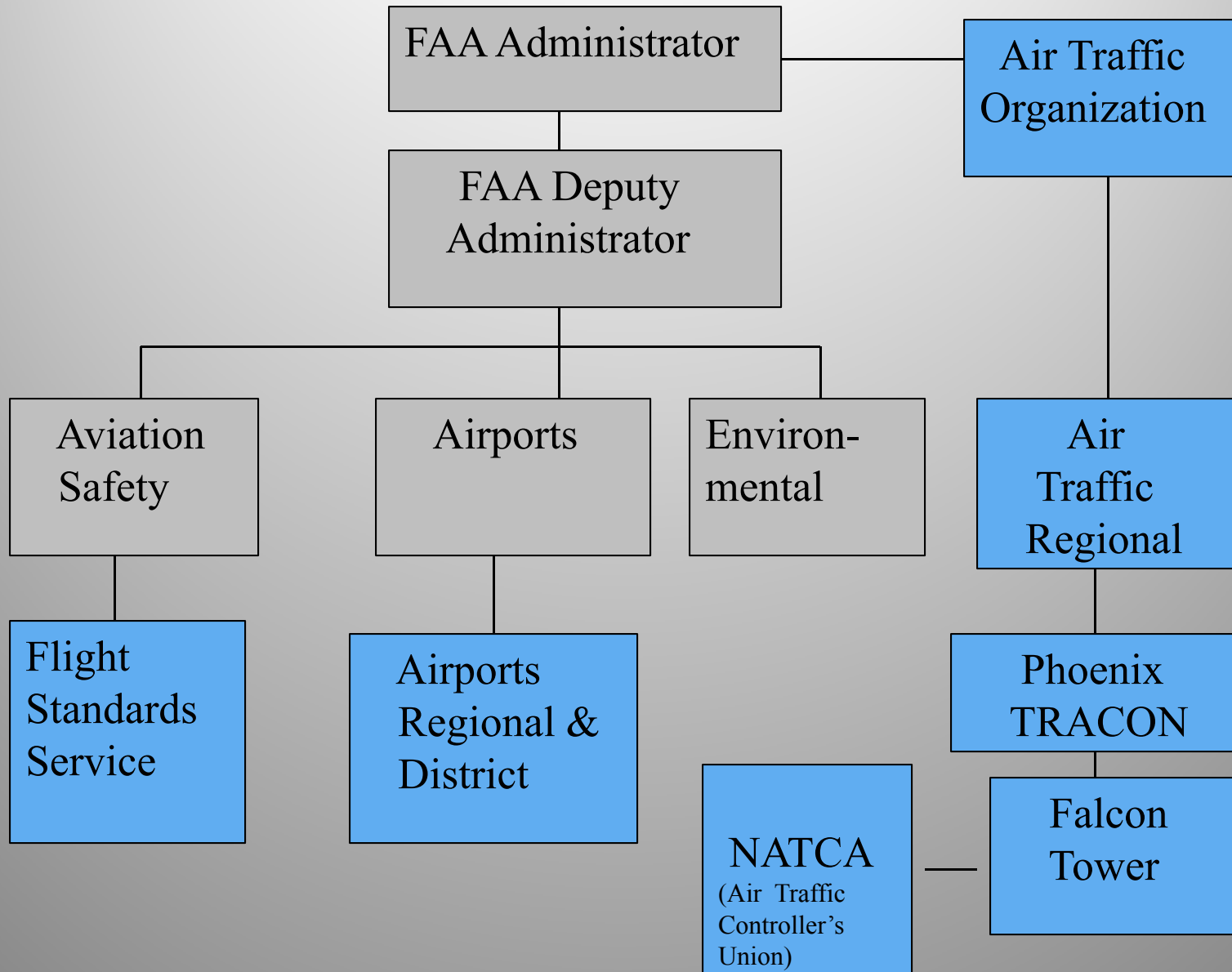
OUTCOME: 20 Strategies and Recommendations for accomplishing the Mission.



Key Implementation Categories

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

FAA Offices Involved (in blue)



Aircraft Operations Accomplishments

- Increased the altitude where pilots should fly to 1,000 feet above the ground unless taking off or landing.
- Training flights are requested to use the north runway as much as possible.
- Pilots are requested to depart to the northeast when winds are calm (≤ 5 knots).
- Pilots are requested to fly close to the airport when preparing to land so they can land quickly on the runway in an emergency.



Operations

Aircraft Operations Accomplishments

- Pilot workshops held at Falcon Field to promote the 'Fly Friendly' Program and flying safely.
- Pilot radio transmissions recorded 24/7 and are used to follow up on specific noise complaints.
- Flight tracking data system to be installed upon FAA approval.



Operations

Flight Training Commitment Accomplishments

- Meetings held regularly between the City, FAA Tower, and CAE Flight Academy.
- Flight training academies/schools have provided written commitments to follow Task Force Recommendations whenever possible.
- CAE cancelled flights in observation of 2010 Easter Sunday as a courtesy to neighbors.



Capital Improvements Accomplishments

- Completed expansion of run-up area where pilots prepare for departure to the north/northeast.
- Improvements to be made to north runway this fall to promote its use by flight training schools.
- Noise abatement reminder signs installed for pilots to read just prior to departure.



Information and Education Accomplishments

- Created 'Fly Friendly' Video.
- Held 2nd Annual Falcon Field Open House.
- Meet with aviation groups regularly to discuss the 'Fly Friendly' Program:
 - Falcon Field tenants
 - Arizona Flight Training Work Group
 - Phoenix Airspace Users Work Group
- Published the revised Airport Public Disclosure Map on Arizona Real Estate Dept. website.



Information and Education Accomplishments

‘Fly Friendly’ information provided:

- FAA Facility Directory (pilot directory of airports)
- Flight schools/academies in the Phoenix area
- Airports and fixed base operators in Arizona
- Airport terminal building
- Email updates to tenants and community
- On Falcon Field:
 - Telephone message & website
 - Tenant invoices
 - Airfield access gates



Education



Next Steps to be Taken

- Expand outreach to area real estate agents.
- Acquire pilot weather broadcasting system.
 - Include 'Fly Friendly' information
- Stay the course and continue to seek out additional solutions that are reasonable.



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



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