



MAC Update

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MSP's new 'Airport Watch' program takes off

Beginning next Wednesday, don't be alarmed if you begin seeing individuals adorned in matching grey hats, shirts and jackets, with large cameras around their necks, walking the perimeter of the airport. They are simply members of an exciting new program from the Airport Police Department—the 'MSP Airport Watch' program.

Airport Police Sergeant **Al Cooper** heads up the team that created and oversees the program, which was founded in November of 2008. The program is similar to neighborhood watch programs and modeled after 'airport spotter' programs that began in Canada.

At a meeting Thursday, the initial 10 participants in the program were introduced to members of MAC staff. The group is composed of local aviation enthusiasts who coincidentally all have photography backgrounds, ranging from professional to hobbyist levels.



Airport Watch logo

"This program is about establishing a partnership", said Sergeant Cooper. "These folks will be an extra set of eyes and ears who can observe and report any suspicious activity."

Deputy Police Chief, **Merlin Tolsma**, said "This is an exciting day for us. We are seeing an idea go from the dream board to reality." At the meeting, Sergeant Cooper recognized key MAC staff that helped with the process of implementing the program; **Jill Hannah**, Airport Police, for her coordination and administrative skills, and **Kathleen Bangs**, Public Affairs & Marketing, for her efforts in coordinating logo creation and marketing materials for the program.

Tim Anderson, deputy executive director for operations, praised the members for participating in a program where their presence at MSP will help protect the public. He also challenged the group to capture a photo of the airfield at dusk, with runway lights on and planes coming in for landing.

Membership status is granted by the Airport Police after applicants clear background screening checks. Currently, membership is for a one-year duration, with the ability to renew annually.

Patrick Hogan appointed to ACI-NA's Communications & Marketing Steering Committee



Patrick Hogan, Director of
Public Affairs & Marketing

From the Airports
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North America
website:

The Committee develops aviation-related educational and policy programs for ACI-NA members, identifies issues and promotes public awareness of airports as economic generators for their communities and develops strategies for delivering strong customer service and attracting new air service.

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Front Roll : Ray Pittman • Caleb Williams • Scott Coulter • Ken Cheung • Mark Naumann • Jeremy Dando • Jeremy Hood
Back Roll: Larry Grace • Gary Chambers • Jim Jordan • Matt Miles

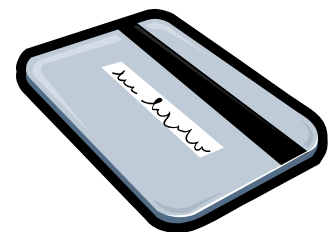
Photo by Airport Watch Member Coordinator, **Larry Grace**

For more information on the Airport Watch program, please see the brochure posted on the MAC Intranet at the following link: http://calhoun/public/departments/public_affairs/mac_update/mac_updates_2009/MSPAirportWatch8.5x11tri.pdf. ✦

P-card paperwork due dates changing

Employees who use a MAC Commercial Card, otherwise known as a 'P-card', need to be aware of an impending change in paperwork due dates.

Starting in February, P-card **cycles will end on the 15th of the month vs. the 25th**. The time to process statements has also been shortened to ensure transactions are entered by the end of each calendar month.



February's statement cycle will be a shortened to **January 27 through February 16**. An updated P-card cycle date calendar can be found on the Purchasing Department's intranet page at this link: http://calhoun/public/departments/purchasing_department/mac_commercial/2009CardCalendar.doc.

The next coding deadline is **February 3 at 5 p.m.** with paperwork due to Kim Mexner on February 5 at 5 p.m. Questions about these changes or about use of the P-card should be directed to **Kim Mexner**, by phone at 612-726-8159 or email at Kim.Mexner@mspm.org. ✦