

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Federal Aviation Administration
And
The National Association of
State Aviation Officials
2019 Initiative
Runway Safety

Task Statement:

The Federal Aviation Administration is responsible for the safest and most complex air traffic system in the world. States also have responsibilities to ensure a safe and efficient aviation system for the benefit of the public. Runways signal the beginning and end of that system. The surface environment at all airports, and specifically General Aviation (GA) airports, are challenging in maintaining safety. The FAA is committed to working with industry partners to develop and deploy runway safety solutions that benefit everyone. As a fellow advocate for advancing aviation safety, the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) partners with the FAA to seek best practices, disseminate information and collaborate on runway safety practices. This agreement provides a framework for cooperation and encourages collaboration between the federal government and the

states. It promotes effective communication in order to advance efforts critical for safety and efficiency.

Objective:

FAA and NASAO will explore methods of working collaboratively to provide and disseminate information on runway safety in order to reduce both incursion and excursions at airports.

Action Goals:

The FAA/NASAO partnership will focus on providing educational outreach and subject matter expertise to the aviation community regarding Runway Safety operations, regulations and related issues.

Partnership activities will include the following:

1. NASAO will seek the support of State Aviation Directors to disseminate information to the aviation community to include fixed base operators, airport owners and operators, flight schools and educational institutions as appropriate to promote a safety culture on the landside of runway safety.
2. FAA will provide appropriate educational information, including a determination of the most efficient vehicle (pamphlets, video's and/or other media) for effective information dissemination. All information will follow the tenets of the FAA National Runway Safety Program Order 7050.1. The FAA and NASAO may jointly agree to distribute such education materials in which case the FAA and NASAO will coordinate to determine the appropriate monetary contributions, if any, required of each party for costs related to this distribution. There is no requirement for either

party to make payment to the other or to accept materials from the other if there is a cost to do so.

3. NASAO will identify targets of opportunity (e.g., state aviation conferences, pilot forums, air shows, etc.) to reach the largest possible members of the aviation community to disseminate educational materials and promote awareness of Runway Safety risks.
4. FAA and NAASO will engage pilot centric organizations (e.g., Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, etc.), to share relevant information and seek their assistance to encourage Runway Safety awareness and mitigate risk.
5. NASAO Regional Directors will ensure that the three FAA Service Area Runway Safety Program Managers are invited to participate in the bi-monthly regional telecoms. These Program Managers may delegate a representative to participate in these telecoms for providing information on Local Runway Safety Action Team meeting and other pertinent information to their area.

Process/Structure: The FAA will assign an Executive level Point of Contact (POC) and may include Runway Safety personnel in status meetings, as decided by the National Runway Safety Program Office. NASAO will assign a State Aviation Director/personnel or NASAO staff member as POC. Both POCs will hold bi-monthly discussions to share status and monitor progress. Meetings may occur by telecom or in person at the NASAO spring legislative conference, the annual fall

NASAO conference, or in FAA headquarters, as travel and budget allows.

Anticipated Completion Date: This MOU is an ongoing commitment, until both FAA and NASAO determine the objectives of the MOU have been satisfactorily achieved.

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