

Clark County General Aviation Airports Stakeholder Newsletter

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Welcome to the *Stakeholder Newsletter*. This online publication provides timely information about construction projects, special events and other developments affecting the users of the North Las Vegas and Overton airports. We believe it's important to maintain an open line of communication and we invite you to forward suggestions for future articles or other comments to newsletter editor Al Krisch at alkrisch@mccarran.com or 702-261-3804.

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Runway Incursions Up Again – North Las Vegas Airport has just experienced the 15th runway incursion of the calendar year. There were a total of 19 incursions in CY 2006 and if the present trend continues it is apparent we will exceed last year's total.

This incident involved a student pilot and an instructor new to the airport in a rented Cessna 172. They were cleared to taxi to Runway 30L and they proceeded eastbound on Taxiway Alpha and then intended to turn southbound on Taxiway Bravo. Instead, they missed the right turn for Bravo and proceed to taxi past the hold line for Runway 12R. The instructor realized the mistake and stopped the aircraft before it proceeded onto the runway. A Citation Jet had been cleared for takeoff on Runway 12R but the clearance was quickly cancelled by alert controllers and there was no immanent collision hazard. The instructor stated that his lack of familiarity with the airport and his lack of situational awareness contributed to the incident. He and his fellow instructors are receiving remedial training from the owner of the flight school.

Airport Takes Additional Steps – The airport has made a significant investment in markings, signs and lights to help reduce runway incursions, but in view of the most recent incident airport management has taken three additional steps. A surface painted sign has been completed on Taxiway Alpha to advise pilots of the right turn for Taxiway Bravo. All of the hold lines on the airport have been repainted ahead of schedule for maximum visibility. And Taxiway Romeo, a stub taxiway connecting the ramp to taxiways Alpha and Bravo, has been temporarily closed for 90 days to evaluate the effect in reducing runway incursions.

Call to All Based Pilots – An old public service slogan used to say, “Only YOU can prevent forest fires!” Similarly, only YOU can prevent runway incursions! The Pilot-in-Command is the last line of defense against runway incursions because you are the only person who can actually apply the brakes and prevent an incident from occurring.

Please take time to familiarize yourself with your taxi clearance and the route from the ramp to your assigned runway. Make sure you are familiar with all of the signage, markings and lights on the airport. Keep an airport diagram on your lap as you taxi. Please don't allow cell phones or non-essential conversations to distract you from taxiing the aircraft. Ask the tower to clarify their instructions if they are not clear the first time. In short, be as engaged in the process of operating your aircraft on the ground as you are in the air. Your safety and the safety of others depend on it.

Use of Dumpsters – Dumpsters are located around the airport for the convenience of stakeholders. But we request that you refrain from depositing construction debris or materials from your home or office in the dumpsters here. From time to time we discover such things as wood, drywall, business files and old furniture in our dumpsters, and this creates a problem for everyone. The dumpsters are often loaded to the top and this prevents other stakeholders from using them. The presence of construction debris and other unauthorized material may also result in extra charges to the airport. Please be considerate and restrict your use of the dumpster to non-hazardous items generated at the airport. The airport staff appreciates your cooperation.