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## Free Training Programs

### **Announcement of Availability: Airport Surface Safety Training Programs for Mechanics and Ramp Personnel**

When a mechanic is towing an aircraft, that aircraft is considered a vehicle. If an incident occurs during the time a mechanic is towing the aircraft, it is counted as a vehicle/pedestrian deviation. Below are the Runway Safety Program statistics for FY-04 for the Southern Region. These statistics include 14 CFR part 139 airports as well as towered general aviation airports.

**Total Number of Surface Incidents:** 56

**Categorized as Incursions:** 12 out of the 56

**Incursions Caused by mechanics towing aircraft:** 5 out of the 12

As you can see, this last type of incursion accounts for almost half of the incursions recorded for Southern Region in FY-04.

The FAA introduced two new interactive CD-ROMs training programs for aircraft taxi procedures and tug and tow procedures. The training programs were created and produced by our Flight Standards Service Aircraft Maintenance Division and Office of Runway Safety organizations. These CD-ROMs are **free of charge** and the AC tells you how to obtain a copy.

You can obtain a copy of these training programs by visiting the Office of Runway Safety web site at <http://www.faa.gov/runwaysafety> and click on the ordering instructions link. They may also be obtained by writing to:

Federal Aviation Administration  
Office of Runway Safety  
ATTN: AVR/AFS Representative  
490 L'Enfant Plaza, Suite 7225  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Please place an order today and give copies to all your tenants who taxi aircraft for maintenance purposes and/or who have tug and tow procedures. Ask the tenants to provide time for their personnel to review these training programs. They should incorporate it into their own training programs. Some companies have already done so. You can also include it in your Airport Recurrent Drivers' Training Program. Together, let's see if we can lower the numbers for FY05.

**- Your Airport Certification and Safety Team**