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This CertAlert pertains to:
All 14 CFR part 139 Airport Operators

Runway Incursions, Surface Incidents Increase

The frequency of Runway Incursions and Surface Incidents at Southern Region's airports has significantly increased, especially among pilots, from the previous year. Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviations have also increased from the previous year.

Southern Region RIs year-to-date FY 2007 versus equivalent period FY 2006

RI Type	FY2007 (thru 3/22)	FY2006 (thru 3/22)
OE/D	11	12
PD	34	17
V/PD	7	2
Total	52	31

Legend:

OE/D: Operational Error/Deviation (Air Traffic Controllers)

PD: Pilot Deviation

V/PD: Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviation

RI: Runway Incursion

FY: Fiscal Year (begins October 1st)

We need your support in enhancing surface safety and awareness to reduce the high number of incidents that are taking place on the airport surface this year as compared to this time last year.

Develop an **Airport Movement Area Checklist** for vehicle drivers and include the following:

- Listen to ground control, then call and state position, call sign and intentions
- Read back instructions as given using proper phraseology
- Maintain Situational Awareness (Look, Listen, ASK)
- When necessary, write down all clearances as a memory aid
- Ensure that your route is and will remain clear of aircraft before and during vehicle movement
- If in doubt or confused, **ask!**
- Review emergency operation procedures with ARFF and ATCT

Review emergency operation procedures with the ARFF department and ATCT. We have had several incidents recently where ARFF was responding to an Alert but didn't have clearance from the tower. Both departments should review procedures.

If there is construction on the airfield movement area, make sure you follow the Construction Safety Plan for all activities. Regularly review the plan to make changes if necessary.

Complacency, inattentiveness, and lack of knowledge or experience are some of the major causal factors for runway incursions.

You can help keep surface incidents from happening at your airport by supporting runway safety education, provide comprehensive training programs that are reviewed for improvement regularly and participate in or sponsor safety forums/seminars that are held in your area.

If you have any safety concerns, recommendations and/or input, feel free to call me at **(404) 305-6715**.

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Regional Runway Safety Program