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TOPIC: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AIRPORT SAFETY NEWSLETTER

U.S. airports have established and maintained an enviable safety record over the years, due for the most part to responsible, hard working, and professional airport personnel.

To assist these professionals, the Airport Safety and Operations Division is inaugurating a quarterly newsletter. Each issue will highlight one particular area and provide insights into situations that have come to the attention of FAA personnel. The newsletter is representative of FAA's commitment to serve the airport community and to provide another source of information for them. Additionally, it will provide a means of sharing concerns and identifying problems.

The first issues of this newsletter will focus on one of the major concerns confronting FAA and airport personnel today: **Runway Incursions and Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviations (VPDs)**. This subject presents a considerable safety issue, and the newsletter will examine several aspects.

The Airport Certification Safety Inspectors are the certificated airports' first resource for timely and specific information. This newsletter is intended to help airports and to address issues of importance that are shared by everyone in the airport business. The Newsletter will be posted on the WEB. Click on the Newsletter icon on the FAA Airports Home Page. The address is <http://www.faa.gov/arp/arphome.htm>.

Electronic distribution will enable regional FAA and industry publications and websites to capture portions of the newsletter for further distribution. Getting the word out on safety issues can be instrumental in raising the level of awareness, and, by turn, in having a positive impact and solving problems. There will be opportunities for feedback and, in later newsletters, for airport concerns as well as questions. You may contact your Regional Airport Certification Safety Inspector, or you may forward information for the Newsletter via Email to the Airport Certification Safety Specialists. They are:

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