



Fact Sheet

Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System

- ▶ The U.S. Marshals Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System, sometimes called “Con Air,” moves prisoners between judicial districts, correctional institutions and foreign countries.
- ▶ JPATS is one of the largest transporters of prisoners in the world — handling about 977 requests every day.
- ▶ JPATS transports sentenced prisoners who are in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to hearings, court appearances and detention facilities.
- ▶ A network of aircraft, cars, vans and buses accomplishes these coordinated movements.
- ▶ Detailed itineraries are required to ensure each prisoner appears in court at a designated time.
- ▶ JPATS operates a fleet of aircraft that moves prisoners over long distances more economically and with higher security than commercial airlines.
- ▶ JPATS is the only government-operated, regularly scheduled passenger airline in the nation.
- ▶ JPATS routinely serves approximately 70 domestic and international cities, plus other major cities in the United States on an as-required basis.
- ▶ Nearly all air movements are done aboard large and small jets that JPATS owns or leases.
- ▶ Military and civilian law enforcement agencies are also able to use JPATS to shuttle their prisoners between different jurisdictions at a fraction of what commercial sources would charge.
- ▶ All scheduling is handled at JPATS headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.
- ▶ The air fleet operations center is in Oklahoma City with a hub in Las Vegas.

JPATS FY 2010 Numbers

- ▶ 356,603 federal prisoner movements
- ▶ 206,358 movements by air
- ▶ 150,245 movements by ground