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This CertAlert pertains to:
All Towered Airports
Attention: Airfield Operations Department

V/PD Alert

Thirty Vehicle Pedestrian Deviation (V/PD) Runway Incursions occurred in Fiscal Year 2011. Fiscal year 2012 began on October 1, 2011. How can we keep V/PDs down to a bare minimum?

- Ensure ALL personnel with access to the Airport Operations Area are properly trained.
- Everyone must maintain vigilance while operating on the airfield.
- Ensure all escorted vehicles/personnel are appropriately briefed and monitored.
- Remind tenants of their role in preventing V/PDs; monitoring gates, providing escorts, training employees, etc...
- Cell phones should NOT be used while driving on the movement area.
Stop in a safe place to answer or make a phone call.
- Don't be in a rush; slow down, listen.
- Ask air traffic to repeat if unsure of an instruction.
- Know the boundaries of your Runway Safety Area.
- Audit tenant training programs to ensure they are adequate.

Below is a small sample of V/PD types that occurred in F/Y 2011. Could these have been prevented?

- Fire truck does not hold short of runway
- Private vehicle entered movement area from ramp
- Construction vehicle crossed an active runway
- Sweeper truck crosses hold-short marking
- Tug crossed active runway
- Pedestrians were walking on taxiway
- Police cars did not contact Air Traffic Control Tower
- Vehicle entered runway, assuming it was closed

Yes, all of these could have been prevented. Remember, prevention starts with YOU!

Thank you for your cooperation!