



FAA
Southern Region Airports Division

Southern Region Safety Awards

Each year the Southern Region Airports Division recognizes excellence in airports and airport managers throughout the region with the issuance of select awards. The FAA Southern Region Airports Division gives these awards to commend recipients for their hard work, diligence, and devoted efforts in improving airport safety. The awards, in a small way, reflect the respect that the FAA Southern Region Airports Division has for the many airports and airport managers within the region that have dedicated themselves to excellence in aviation and aviation safety.

The Southern Region Airports Division gives the following annual awards:

- Air Carrier Airport Safety Award
- Air Carrier Airport Manager of the Year
- General Aviation Airport Safety Award
- General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year
- Airport Safety Mark of Distinction Award

Air Carrier Airport Safety Award

The FAA Southern Region Airports Division Safety Awards program allows the division to recognize air carrier airports that have taken actions, instituted programs, or otherwise operated in such a manner deserving of special recognition for improving airport safety.

Selection criteria for the Air Carrier Airport Safety Award are based on the development or implementation of a specific program or activity, or other special and unique accomplishments, involving the operation of an air carrier airport that resulted in enhanced safety.

Submitting a nomination

Each airport requesting consideration should provide to Southern Region Airports Division, ASO-620, in a format of their choice, the following:

- A brief statement identifying the airport being nominated (self-nominations are acceptable)
- A description of the specific accomplishment or activity that has clearly or significantly enhanced airport safety
- Any accompanying information, supplemental graphics, or explanatory material that may help to describe or support the nomination

General Aviation Manager of the Year Award

Each year the Southern Region Airports Division will select a Commercial Service Airport Manager of the Year -- someone who in the eyes of the selection committee exemplifies excellence in airport management.

Selection criteria

The Southern Region Airports Division General Aviation Airport Manager of the year is expected to be someone who has exhibited exceptional aviation leadership. It should be someone who has tirelessly worked to promote the aviation industry, or someone who has striven to achieve efficiencies and improved productivity with their organization. Although this is an incomplete list, the selection committee will consider factors like those below when making their selection:

- Significant accomplishments
- Unique displays of leadership
- Membership in professional, civic, or fraternal organizations
- Development initiatives
- Awards received
- Improvements in safety/security, or significant safety/security initiatives
- Public affairs accomplishments
- Significant cost-savings or efficiencies achieved

Submitting a nomination

Applications/nominations for this award will be accepted from outside the agency but are not required. The Airports Division awards committee will evaluate the actions, accomplishments, and leadership of general aviation airport managers throughout the region and will select the nominees. The nominees may be contacted and may be given the opportunity to provide additional, supplemental information to support their nomination.

Period and deadline

The period of consideration is October 1 to September 30. Packets must be received in the Airports Division office by November 30.

Evaluations

The award committee will use their own research, as well as information provided by the nominee, to make their selection.

Notification of award

Normally, the award committee will work to select nominees by the end of November and will finalize their selection by the end of the calendar year. The winner will then receive notification and the award presentation date will be set.

Past award winners (last 5 years), General Aviation Manager of the Year Award

Year	Winner	Airport	City, State
2016	Allen Bennett	Henderson City - County Airport	Henderson, KY
2015	Eugene B. Conrad III	Lakeland Linder Regional Airport	Lakeland, FL
2014	[Not awarded]	N/A	N/A
2013	Michael Handrahan	Zephyrhills Municipal Airport	Zephyrhills, FL
2012	Roy Sieger	Flagler County Airport	Palm Coast, FL