



## BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Dear Colleagues,

I'm pleased to share with you the second edition of our newsletter, highlighting developments and initiatives from the first half of 2025 at the Boca Raton Airport.

Our priorities this year remain clear: enhancing operational efficiency, advancing sustainability efforts, and strengthening our connection with the community. I look forward to what we will achieve together in the months ahead.



Clara Bennett  
Executive Director

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## Stormwater Improvements and Wildlife Mitigation Project

The Stormwater Improvements and Wildlife Mitigation Project (Phase 1B) is currently underway to enhance safety around Runway 5-23 and improve stormwater management near Airport Road. This phase involves replacing open stormwater ditches with underground containment systems, which helps reduce wildlife attractants and create a more level, secure terrain. **Currently, retention swales are being regraded, and the access road expansion is in its initial phase.**

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## Sustainability Management Plan

The Sustainability Management Plan (SMP) aims to develop a policy and framework for integrating sustainability throughout the airport. It includes identifying key sustainability areas, setting measurable goals, and implementing initiatives that support environmental protection, economic growth, and social responsibility. The SMP looks to achieve benefits such as lower energy use, reduced waste and emissions, improved water quality, and stronger community relations. **The plan is set for completion in July 2025, with input from the Sustainability Advisory Partners and the Boca Raton Airport Authority Board guiding the initiative.**

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## Noise Exposure Map Update

The Boca Raton Airport Authority (BRAA), with Ricondo and Associates, is updating its Noise Exposure Map (NEM) to reflect current aircraft operations and their impact on surrounding communities. Using FAA standards and the Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) metric, the update will include revised noise contours for 65, 70, and 75 decibels.

**The Airport is currently in the data collection phase of the project.** The update process will involve public meetings and the formation of a Noise Technical Advisory Committee (NTAC). This committee will engage community representatives in workshops to discuss the NEM's focus and gather input.

## BRAA Board NEM Update on June 18th

The BRAA will be hosting an **open house** at 1 p.m. and a **BRAA Board workshop** at 3 p.m. on June 18<sup>th</sup> in the BRAA Administration Building to discuss the NEM update. Following the BRAA Board workshop, there will be the regular monthly **BRAA Board meeting** at 5 p.m.

Learn More About Our Current Projects





With hurricane season underway, aircraft owners, pilots, and travelers should understand how to be prepared for their safety and to minimize disruption.

Here are some guidelines to help the aviation community prepare before the threat of a storm:



## FOR AIRCRAFT OWNERS

### Evacuate Early

When a storm is forecast, relocating your aircraft out of the projected path is the safest option.

### Contact Your Landlord

Check with your landlord for specific policies, procedures, fuel availability, and relocation options.

### Check Your Insurance

Ensure your aircraft insurance includes coverage for storm damage.



## FOR PILOTS & TRAVELERS

### Stay Weather-Aware

Stay informed by keeping track of updates from reliable sources such as the National Weather Service and local news outlets.

### Be Flexible

Storm conditions may require last-minute changes. When in doubt, safety comes first.

### Prepare Your Home Before You Fly

Secure your home if you will be traveling during hurricane season. Install hurricane shutters, protect important documents, and bring in outdoor furniture.

**FAA Severe Weather and Natural Disaster Preparedness**

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Boca Raton Airport (BCT) is proud to serve as a meeting base for the **Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Boca Raton Composite Squadron (BCRS)**. The BCRS has a Cessna 172 based at BCT and meets in Bldg. 5, Hanger 1A at 6:30pm on Tuesday evenings. Hangars 1 and 1A operate as their training and equipment storage facility as well as their Operations Center. The BRAA donates annually to the BCRS to cover the costs of their lease and utilities.

The local squadron has around 50 members consisting of teenage and adult volunteers dedicated to serving the community. The Cessna aircraft based at BCT is used by the squadron to conduct search and rescue, disaster relief, counter-drug operations, emergency services training, cadet orientation flights, and other operations as tasked by the United States Air Force.

Founded in December 1, 1941, CAP is the volunteer nonprofit civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. CAP has over 60,000 members and a fleet of 550 single-engine aircraft nationwide. The organization has three core missions: **Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, and Cadet Programs.**

### Emergency Services

CAP serves as a key player in Florida's search and rescue missions including finding downed aircraft, rescuing boaters off-shore, aerial surveillance, and hurricane and flood relief efforts. It is estimated that CAP handles around 90 percent of inland search and rescue missions.

### Aerospace Education

CAP offers aerospace education to both volunteer CAP members and the general public. The educational programs ensure that all CAP members have an appreciation for and knowledge of aerospace issues.

### Cadet Programs

CAP's cadet program allows young people to progress at their own pace through a 16-step program that includes aerospace education, leadership training, physical fitness, and moral leadership. Cadets compete for academic scholarships to further their studies in fields such as engineering, science, aircraft mechanics, aerospace medicine, meteorology, and many more.

Visit the Squadron's Webpage



Watch Our CAP Video Feature



## CONGRATULATIONS TO LEONEL ROMERO ON HIS NEW ROLE AT THE BOCA RATON AIRPORT AUTHORITY

We're proud to celebrate Leonel Romero on his new role as Operations Coordinator at the Boca Raton Airport Authority. Recently graduated from Lynn University's aeronautics program, Leonel is highly knowledgeable in advanced flight systems and airport operations.

His new role reflects his dedication to aviation. As Operations Coordinator, Leonel will support the day-to-day management and safety compliance of one of South Florida's premier general aviation airports.

We look forward to all Leonel will accomplish in this exciting new chapter.

### Q & A with Leonel Romero

**How does it feel to be the new Operations Coordinator at the Boca Airport? Tell me a little about your time in school, where you graduated from and your time as an intern with the Airport.**

My career at Boca Raton Airport began in May 2024 when I joined the team as an Operations Intern. The experience I gained during my internship was truly invaluable. I was deeply impressed by the professionalism of every staff member and their willingness to share their knowledge and educate me on various aspects of airport operations. I am also incredibly grateful for the opportunity to advance into the role of Operations Coordinator at Boca Raton Airport. This position has had a profoundly positive impact on both my personal and professional growth. The dynamic balance between hands-on responsibilities such as conducting runway inspections and administrative office work has been especially fulfilling. As a recent graduate from Lynn University with a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Operations, this role has provided the perfect foundation to launch my career in the aviation industry.



**What advice do you have for future interns or those hoping to start a career in airport operations?**

My advice for future interns, students, and anyone interested in airport operations is to never be afraid and to always keep looking for opportunities. Aviation is a vast industry with hundreds of career paths, so keep researching, asking questions, and exploring your interests. College and internships can be challenging, but don't give up; stay focused, keep learning, and take advantage of every opportunity to grow. As an intern, think about how you can contribute to your organization and how that experience can help you build the knowledge and skills for your future.



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# QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS



**January 2025**

Observation Area Grand Opening



**January 2025**

BRAA Featured on WPBF News



**February 2025**

BRAA Received the FAA 2023 General Aviation Safety Award



**February 2025**

BRAA Attended and Sponsored the Boca Chamber's Diamond Award Luncheon



**March 2025**

BRAA Participated in Spirit of Giving's Community Spirit Race



**March 2025**

BRAA Volunteered During Aviation Build Day



**March 2025**

BRAA Volunteered in Habitat for Humanity's Women Build



**April 2025**

BRAA Hosted Leadership Boca for Economic Development Day



**May 2025**

Robert Abbott Served as Vice Chair at the Florida Airport Council's Education & Training Summit



**May 2025**

Travis Bryan Served as a Moderator and Speaker at the Airports Cooperative Research Panel

# UPCOMING EVENTS



# SAFETY WEEK 2025

**JUNE 23-27**



Safety Week is a forum for sharing information and innovative ideas to identify and mitigate airport safety hazards; ensuring a safe workplace and destination.

MONDAY



**DONUTS AND HEAT SAFETY TRAINING**

**STARTING AT 10 A.M. DOOR-TO-DOOR TENANTS**

TUESDAY



**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION**

**10 A.M.-12 P.M. BRAA ADMIN. BLDG.**

TUESDAY



**BLOOD DRIVE**

**9 A.M.-5 P.M. SIGNATURE AVIATION**

WEDNESDAY



**TABLETOP ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING**

**11 A.M.-1 P.M. BRAA ADMIN. BLDG.**

FRIDAY



**DRIVER SAFETY COURSE**

**11 A.M.-1 P.M. BRAA ADMIN. BLDG.**

**RSVP for Safety Week Events Here**

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**BRAA BOARD NOISE EXPOSURE MAP UPDATE**

**JUNE 18  
OPEN HOUSE AT 1 P.M.  
BOARD WORKSHOP AT 3 P.M.  
BRAA ADMIN. BLDG.**



**BOCA RATON AIRPORT TENANT TALK**

**JULY 22 AT 12 P.M.-2 P.M.  
BRAA ADMIN. BLDG.**

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE CLOSURES

- Independence Day - July 4
- Veterans Day - November 11
- Thanksgiving - November 27 & 28
- Christmas Day - December 25
- New Year's Day - January 1

### BRAA BOARD MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

**5 P.M. BRAA ADMIN. BLDG.**

- June 18
- July 16
- August 20
- October 22
- November 19
- December 17



# FUN FACT

The Boca Raton Airport Authority (BRAA) was established in 1982 by the state legislature to independently manage the Airport's operations. The original BRAA Board was composed of five members, including WWII Bomber Pilot George Blank.



Founding BRAA Board  
Member, WWII Bomber Pilot  
George Blank

## YOUR FEEDBACK IS INVALUABLE

Your feedback is invaluable to us! We encourage all readers to take a moment to complete the survey linked below. Your input will play a crucial role in shaping future Airport plans and ensuring we continue to meet the needs of our community. Thank you for helping us soar to new heights!

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