



SMS SAFETY CENTRAL

Creating a Positive Safety Culture



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Welcome to the **September 2025** issue of the BRAA SMS newsletter. This issue features highlights from this year's Safety Week, updates on various infrastructure projects and airport upgrades, as well as safety achievements. We're proud to share these developments with our Airport community.

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SAFETY WEEK 2025: RECAP

CONTINUED DEDICATION TO SAFETY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

The Boca Raton Airport's annual Safety Week, held in June 2025, curated a variety of activities to engage staff, pilots, and community partners. From heat safety to hurricane preparedness, the Boca Raton Airport Authority committed to strengthening safety awareness to its Airport community. The week included speaking engagements with industry experts, raffles, as well safety essentials that were distributed to airport crew and tenants.



MONDAY

HEAT SAFETY & DONUTS

Safety Week kicked off with Heat Safety and Donuts day. To help everyone stay cool and hydrated, the team provided water, Liquid IV, oranges, and hats to all airport tenants. Donuts were also provided to add a sweet boost to the afternoon.



TUESDAY

BLOOD DRIVE

The Airport hosted a successful Blood Drive in partnership with One Blood as part of Safety Week. Team members came together to contribute, with each donation carrying the potential to save up to three lives, making the event a meaningful way to give back to the community.



WEDNESDAY ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

The Boca Raton Airport Authority welcomed the Boca Raton Police Department for a training session on active shooter awareness and protocol. The presentation highlighted the importance of proactive thinking, heightened awareness, and following key safety procedures.



THURSDAY PILOTS MEETING: HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Safety Week concluded with the Airport's pilot meeting, offering attendees the opportunity to hear from industry experts on aviation weather and hurricane preparedness. Speakers included Anne-Marie Connolly and Manuel Rodriguez with the City of Boca Raton, Shea Miller and Karl Richards with Boca Raton Fire Services, Robert Garcia with the National Weather Service, Alex Blodgett with Blodgett & Associates, and Sami Squires with WPTV. The Boca Raton Airport Authority thanks all who attended and looks forward to welcoming pilots again at the upcoming meeting in September.

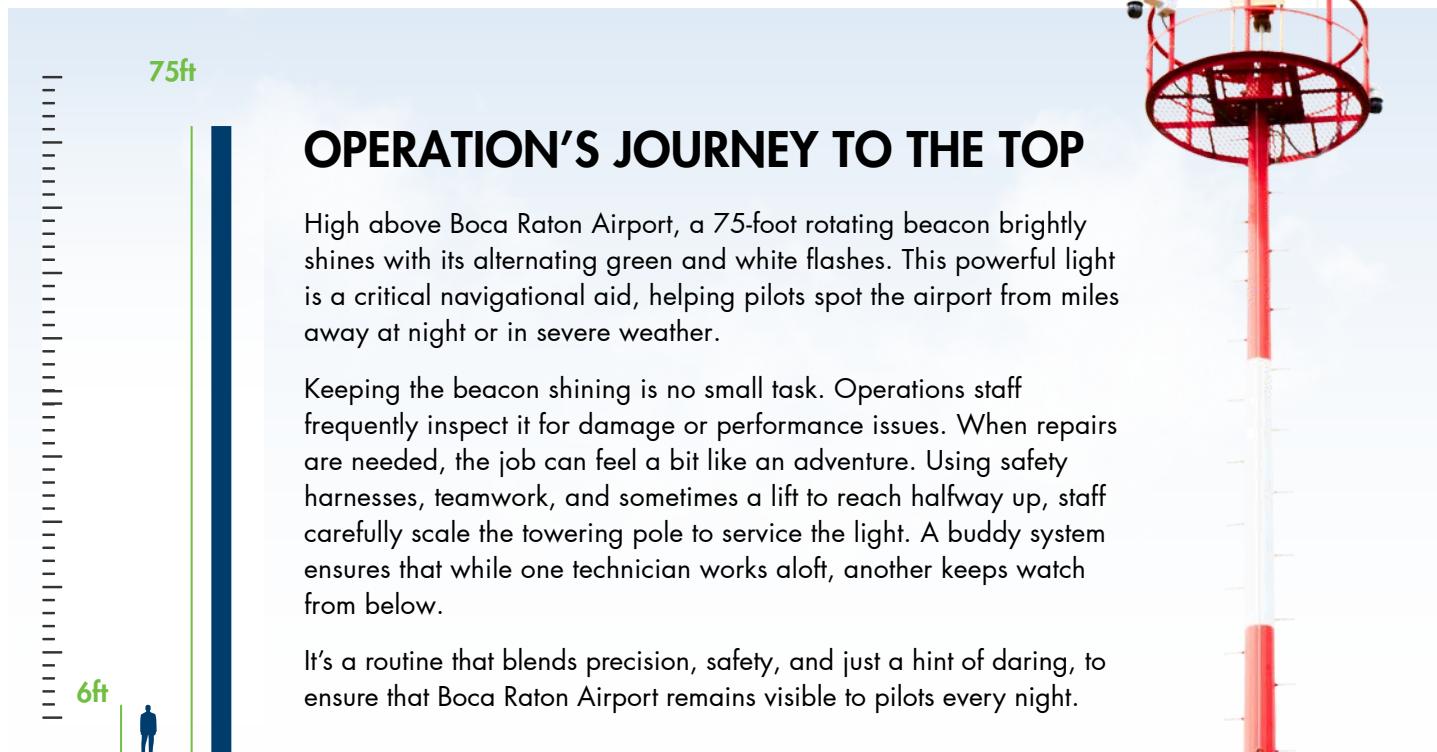
STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Stormwater capacity and drainage improvements are underway on the east side of the Airport, along with upgrades to the adjacent access road. Underground drainage has been installed on the north end of Airport Road, and temporary nightly closures are in place as construction progresses within the Safety Area east of the runway. The final phase of construction is expected to conclude in Fall 2025; please check NOTAMs for closure updates.



WILDLIFE MITIGATION

Throughout the Stormwater Improvement Project, Airport staff has worked closely with biologists to protect Burrowing Owls near the construction area. Burrows within 35 feet of work are evaluated for eggs or fledglings; if present, construction is paused until the young have left. If not, the burrow is collapsed and fenced off to encourage the owls to temporarily relocate elsewhere on the airfield until it is safe to return.



75ft

6ft

OPERATION'S JOURNEY TO THE TOP

High above Boca Raton Airport, a 75-foot rotating beacon brightly shines with its alternating green and white flashes. This powerful light is a critical navigational aid, helping pilots spot the airport from miles away at night or in severe weather.

Keeping the beacon shining is no small task. Operations staff frequently inspect it for damage or performance issues. When repairs are needed, the job can feel a bit like an adventure. Using safety harnesses, teamwork, and sometimes a lift to reach halfway up, staff carefully scale the towering pole to service the light. A buddy system ensures that while one technician works aloft, another keeps watch from below.

It's a routine that blends precision, safety, and just a hint of daring, to ensure that Boca Raton Airport remains visible to pilots every night.



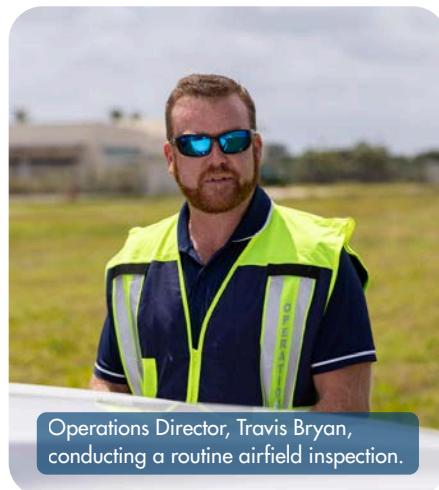


FDOT ANNUAL INSPECTION COMPLETED IN MAY

The Boca Raton Airport Authority has successfully completed the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) 2025 annual airport inspection, receiving positive feedback and no deficiencies. Conducted this May, the review confirmed clear approach paths, fully operational navigational aids, well-maintained pavement, and highly visible runway and taxiway markings. The results reflect the Boca Raton Airport Authority commitment to meeting the highest safety and operational standards for the aviation community.

FDOT SAFETY CONFERENCE

Boca Raton Airport's Operations Director Travis Bryan attended the FDOT's Annual Disaster Preparedness Training virtually on April 22. The session emphasized the importance of airports continually updating their status on items such as fuel availability, airfield conditions, and damage assessments throughout a storm event. This information flow allows FDOT, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), FEMA, and Florida's Division of Emergency Management to monitor resources in real time and determine where recovery efforts should be concentrated. In short, the training reinforced the importance of timely reporting by airports so state and federal partners can quickly identify needs and coordinate effective disaster response and recovery.



Operations Director, Travis Bryan, conducting a routine airfield inspection.



Left, Operations Coordinator Hannah Naveda. Right, Operations coordinator Leonel Romero

ADVANCING OPERATIONS: AAAE TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

Operations Coordinator Hannah Naveda recently earned her American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Airport Certified Employee (ACE) Certification, a nationally recognized credential that demonstrates advanced expertise in airport operations safety and compliance. In August, Operations Coordinator Leonel Romero completed the AAAE's Basic ASOS School, which provides a strong foundation in Part 139 operations. Together, their achievements further promote the Boca Raton Airport operations team's pursuit of safety.

PILOTS MEETING: TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS (TFR)



SEPTEMBER

29

11AM - 1PM

The BRAA
Admin Building

This upcoming Pilot's meeting will cover temporary flight restrictions (TFRs), with FAA updates, best practices, and guidance to help pilots operate safely and efficiently.

⚠ REPORTING A HAZARD:

The Boca Raton Airport has established a streamlined safety hazard reporting process to ensure that everyone can contribute to maintaining our high safety standards. Our digital reporting form is a key component of our Safety Management System (SMS), making it easier than ever to report potential hazards or safety concerns.

Using the form is straightforward:

1. Choose whether to report anonymously or provide your contact information.
2. Describe the safety concern or hazard in detail.
3. Provide any relevant additional information, such as location or time of observation.
4. Submit the form.

Our Airport Operations team reviews all submissions promptly, ensuring that each report is addressed appropriately.

This reporting system is crucial for:

- Identifying potential hazards before they become incidents
- Encouraging a proactive safety culture among all Airport users
- Continuously improving our safety measures

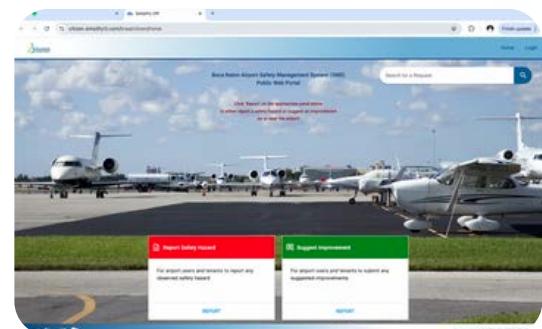
Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility. Whether you're an employee, tenant, or visitor, your observations can make a significant difference in maintaining the highest level of safety at Boca Raton Airport.

ACCESS TO REPORTING PORTAL:



QR Code on Badges:

All Airport badges feature a QR code that links to our SMS portal. Scan the code with your phone to access the reporting form.



Website:

Visit our SMS page at:

bocaairport.com/safety-management-systems
to find the reporting form.

UPGRADES & UPDATES



IT'S ELECTRIC!

The Boca Raton Airport Authority is proud to announce the addition of a Ford F-150 Lightning to its operations fleet. The fully electric vehicle combines environmental responsibility and practical utility, aligning with BCT's ongoing commitment to sustainability.

The Lightning is equipped with customized airport operations add-ons including integrated tower radio communications, a rotating floodlight, PA System, and a siren; ensuring the vehicle is always ready for safety inspections and emergency response.

The addition of the Ford F-150 Lightning strengthens the Airport's ability to operate efficiently today while planning for a more sustainable tomorrow.



WHAT THE AWOS?



The Airport is replacing its Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) to ensure continued delivery of accurate, real-time weather information for pilots, air traffic controllers, and the public. AWOS provides essential data such as wind speed, visibility, temperature, and barometric pressure when the tower is closed.

Funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the project will replace the existing AWOS with a new FAA-compliant system featuring modern ground-level sensors and reporting capabilities. The AWOS will be relocated to the east side of the Airport for improved performance and will include upgrades to power, communications, and mounting structures. Work is scheduled to begin in January 2026 and conclude by June 2026.



THE X FACTOR

Boca Raton Airport Authority has added new LED Portable Runway Closure Markers to its safety equipment. These bright, illuminated "X" signs are used to mark runways that are temporarily closed for maintenance or other activities.

The markers are trailer-mounted and can be set up in just minutes by one operations staff member. Each unit is solar-powered, have a backup diesel generator, and uses powerful LED lights that flash for maximum visibility, ensuring pilots can clearly identify closed areas from miles away.