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Message from the Safety Management System Manager: Importance of Reporting Hazards and Safety Concerns

Safety at airports is a number one priority. The reporting of hazards and safety concerns is a key part of the Airport's Safety Management System (SMS). The reporting of hazards and safety concerns also keeps safety top-of-mind at all 27 airports operated by the Government of the Northwest Territories and supports a successful safety culture across the organization.

Hazards at airports could include:

- Damaged, missing or broken airfield lighting, signs and markers;
- Bumps, ruts or erosions, washboard, vegetation growth, soft spots, or draining ditch issues on the airfield surfaces;
- Presence of foreign object debris;
- Presence of wildlife.

Whether you are an airline or government employee, contractor or traveler, you are encouraged to contact us if you observe a hazard or safety concern. There are a number of ways to reach us, including:

- Email: airportsincidents@gov.nt.ca
- Online form: www.inf.gov.nt.ca/HazardForm
- Call the 24/7 toll free number: 877-989-1400
- Hard copy forms are also located on the SMS centres in the air terminal buildings

We will acknowledge your correspondence and notify you of the results of your report. If you prefer to report anonymously, the results will be communicated through either the SMS Newsletter or an SMS Bulletin.

Thank you for helping us keep our airports safe.





Airport Maintenance Training

Many activities rely on having a safe and reliable community airport. In partnership with the School of Community Government, the Air Marine and Safety Division offers summer and winter airport maintenance training as well as airport management training.

The course outline has recently been upgraded, which allows more time on the airfield for practical training. This training would not have been as successful for the maintainers from all GNWT Airports without support from the airport manager and maintenance staff of Merlyn Carter Airport in Hay River. The community airport maintainers never fail to mention their appreciation for the hospitality and support they receive at the airport.

“We, the community of airport maintainers, would like to express our gratitude to the airfield maintenance specialists and highway maintenance staff for their continued support of the airport training program. We’d also like to thank the highways staff for allowing us to use their equipment. Without your support this valuable training would not be possible or well delivered.”

Airport Maintainer





Fort Smith and Yellowknife Airfield Lighting Upgrades

Both Fort Smith and Yellowknife Airports will receive major airfield lighting rehabilitations under Transport Canada’s Airports Capital Assistance Program. Operational safety and maintenance will be enhanced through the installation of an energy-efficient LED lighting system. In Fort Smith, the upgrades will be completed by the end of this summer season. In Yellowknife, edge lights on runways 16-34 will be completed this summer and the approach lighting on runways 16-34 will be finalized next summer.

Other GNWT Airports which have been upgraded to LED Lighting to date have received great feedback from pilots.



Airport Full Scales Emergency Exercises and Audits

The objective of a full scale emergency exercise is to build upon existing community emergency response capacity to effectively respond to aircraft accidents and incidents at Airports. Canadian Aviation Regulations require certified airports to complete a full scale emergency exercise every four years. Quality assurance audits are conducted once every three years to verify that plans, procedures, inspections, training and programs are in place and are being followed.

FULL SCALE EXERCISES		QUALITY ASSURANCE AUDITS	
2019-2020	2020-2021	2019-2020	2020-2021
Fort Simpson	Inuvik	Inuvik	Norman Wells
Ulukhaktok	Norman Wells	Fort McPherson	Deline
Sachs Harbour	Tuktoyaktuk	Paulatuk	Fort Good Hope
Deline	Whati	Tuktoyaktuk	Tulita
Yellowknife		Sachs Harbour	Colville Lake
Sambaa K’e		Ulukhaktok	Hay River
Fort Providence		Yellowknife	Yellowknife
		Gameti	
		Wekweètì	



Safety Objectives and Goals for 2019-2020

SMS Program Safety Objectives for 2019-2020

1. To provide a safe and healthy work environment for all employees, business partners, and the public.
2. To promote safety awareness, compliance, and education to all.
3. To identify and eliminate hazardous conditions.

Proactive Goals and Key Performance Indicators

Complete 75% of all investigations and develop corrective actions within 20 days of all events.

Reactive Goals and KPIs

1. Reduce the number of air carrier or tenant vehicle incursion to no more than two.
2. Reduce the number of GNWT vehicle incursion to one.
3. Eliminate military vehicle incursions.
4. Complete and record wildlife inspections 30 minutes prior to scheduled flights at all airports.
5. Complete summer and winter operational reviews, record in AIRMAN, implement corrective actions to address deficiencies and communicate results with appropriate personnel.
6. Implement preventative maintenance programs using the current templates for all airports.

Questions,
comments or
concerns?
Contact us.

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