

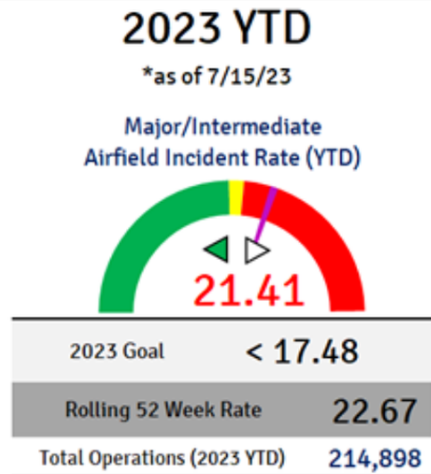
Getting Back On Track

by Adam Varo

Current Airfield Safety Rate

In the last two months, the airfield safety rate for major and intermediate incidents has risen significantly to a rate of over 21 significant incidents per 100,000 operations year to date. Our goal rate to reduce year over year from 2022 is 17.48.

The most significant categories of incidents contributing to this rate are primarily employee injuries, vehicle incidents, and violations of the airfield movement area. In this quarter's newsletter, we'd like to share some safety strategies related to this year's lessons learned that can reduce our significant incidents and help us get back on track to meet our safety goals for the year.



	Rate	Incidents
Major Airfield Incidents	2.79	6
Intermediate Airfield Incidents	18.61	40
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Reducing Employee Injuries

- Ensure employees have proper PPE for your work area (e.g., Safety Shoes, Anti-Laceration Caps, Gloves, Fall Protection)
- Employees need to know how to operate all equipment safely. Ramp equipment is heavy industrial equipment and can very quickly cause serious injuries with moving parts or with crushing injuries if operators are unaware of hazards or lose situational awareness.

Reducing Vehicle/GSE Incidents

- Make sure employees are trained on all equipment they are operating and the areas in which they operate.
- Employees must follow safe driving rules (e.g., drive lanes, speed limits, stop signs, non-distracted driving).
- Employees need to inspect equipment before use to ensure it is safe to use, including non-motorized equipment.

Reducing Surface/AMA Incidents

- Even employees who do not have an AMA badge must be familiar with airfield markings to avoid entering AMA areas or crossing the vehicle control line.
- No employees may enter the AMA without authorization (e.g., AMA badge and radio clearance from ATCT).
- Do not make assumptions about clearance and be especially cautious when responding to incidents/emergencies to avoid poor decision making.



After three years as the Manager, SMS Assurance in Airport Operations I have accepted the Senior Manager position in Marine Maintenance, and is time to move on to the next adventure. I have really enjoyed my time as part of the SMS team. I will certainly miss all my coworkers in Airport Operations and my partners throughout the airport, especially the safety managers trying their best to keep everybody safe on the AOA.

I am thankful to all the GSE owners who made improvements to the overall condition of their ground service equipment and hope that the assurance system we stood up continues to provide data that can be used to provide awareness of our improvements and upcoming challenges.

I really enjoyed the job, but an opportunity came up that I simply could not ignore. Hope the best for airport operations and all those partners that work hard day in and out to improve our incident rate even while dealing with an ever-increasing tempo. Keep up the great work!



Increased Wildlife Strike Risk and Strike Reporting *by Mikki Viehoever*

Report all known and suspected wildlife strikes, which may include snarge* found during aircraft inspections or maintenance, to Port of Seattle Airport Operations. Expect an increased risk of wildlife strikes July through September as young birds begin leaving the nest and fall migrants begin to pass through. Strike reporting assists our team in assessing and mitigating the risk of wildlife strikes. Wildlife strike kits are free and available through Port of Seattle Airport Operations. Contact the Airport Duty Manager at 206-787-4682 to submit or receive more strike kits. For more information on Sea-Tac Airport's wildlife program and Wildlife Hazard Management Plan, please visit:

<https://www.portseattle.org/environment/wildlife-management>.

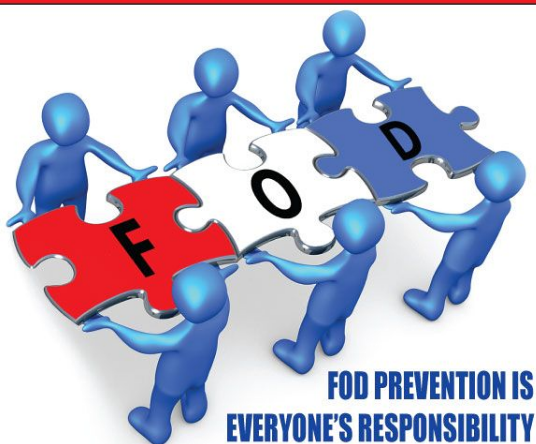
*Snarge = blood or suspected animal material found on an aircraft.



Foreign Object Debris (FOD)

by Alicia Waterton

TEAMWORK



LETS WORK TOGETHER
TO BE FOD FREE



In the past month there has been a significant increase in FOD observed on the AOA, bagwell, and other areas. The rise of FOD especially around the aircraft gates is concerning. It is important that **ALL of US** are aware of the significance of removing garbage/debris from the ramp. We know that FOD can have serious consequences. Summer is here and this is one of the busiest time for aircraft operations throughout the year. Lets do our part to make it safer.

[Here are few critical reminders for all ramp teams:](#)

- 1) ALL GATES: Ground crews will **complete a FOD inspection/walk of entire gate area prior to arrival or departure of aircraft** and dispose of any materials collected, to include emptying of small 5 gallon jet bridge FOD buckets, into the large FOD buckets at each gate.
- 2) AT PREFERENTIAL GATES: the large FOD buckets shall be emptied as soon as possible by the stakeholder when observed to be full.
- 3) AT COMMON USE GATES: stakeholders shall immediately notify **206-787-SAFE** when large FOD buckets are full or if items are too large to place in bins. Port of Seattle will dispose of the debris.

Pest Reporting by All Airport Employees

by Tino Petterson

Recently we've seen a increase in pest activity. Which is to be expected as the temperatures get warmer, deliveries increase, passenger counts return to normal and sanitation. So, to help us in our efforts we ask all airport employee, not just manager or supervisors to report issues as they appear. Not after a shift or days later either, but as its seen. Any Port or airport employee can report a pest safety event, using the [206-787-Safe \(7233\) Ex 4](tel:206-787-7233). Once reported to the ACC our contractor will report to any airport location within 1 hour to make contact with the reporter, inspect the location and react as necessary. All information is important though and if applicable take a picture, video, leave a post-it note at the site where it was last seen, capture pest on a piece of tape or roll up in a tissue. Anything help. By doing this we can keep our airport, employees and passengers safe.



Q2 FIELD RECOGNITIONS

by Juan Martell

Everyday our Safety Assurance Specialists: Nate Davis; Darnell Doyle and Carlos Jaramillo, recognize SEA employees in the field for safe actions. Those recognitions are emailed directly to their station manager so employees can be recognized within their own organizations. Below is a list of all employees that were recognized April 1 thru June 30, 2023.

Spencer Gleason	Alaska Airlines	Individual Recognition
Delta 1270 Arrival Crew	Delta Air Lines	Company Recognition
Delta Airlines	Delta Air Lines	Company Recognition
Lokeni Petelo	Delta Air Lines	Coffee Card
Delta 2910 Arrival Ramp Crew	Delta Air Lines	Company Recognition
Mohammed Ghulam Sahki and Ramadan Siad Mohammed	Gate Gourmet	Company Recognition
Reynaldo Hagood	Horizon Airlines	Individual Recognition
Alaska Airlines 503 McGee ramp crew	McGee Air Services	Company Recognition
Alaska Airlines 133 Mcgee Ramp Crew	McGee Air Services	Company Recognition
Alaska Airlines 402 McGee ramp arrival crew	McGee Air Services	Company Recognition
Ground Crew for flight Alaska Airlines 814	McGee Air Services	Company Recognition
Farhan Mohamed	Swissport Ground	Individual Recognition
Mohamud Mahamud, Mohamed Mohamed and Abdourahamane Ba	Swissport Ground	Company Recognition
Swissport ramp crew for flight Spirit 421	Swissport USA	Company Recognition
Joseph Joseph	Unifi	Coffee Card
Alaska Airlines 1115 Unifi Ramp Crew	Unifi	Company Recognition
Alaska Airlines 149 Unifi ramp crew	Unifi	Company Recognition
Alaska Airlines 1088 Unifi Ramp Crew	Unifi	Company Recognition
April 27th Crew of AS1119	Unifi	Company Recognition
Hawaiian Airlines 21 WFS ramp crew	WFS	Company Recognition
British Airways 52 WFS Arrival Ramp Crew	WFS	Company Recognition

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