Fly Safe Campaign



MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS Don't become a statistic!

NTSB has reported 53 ag accidents including 10 fatal accidents so far this year. NTSB hasn't reported on 1 recent fatality, making the total 11 fatal accidents.

MAKE SURE YOUR OPERATION IS SECURE – FBI-DHS ANNOUNCES HAMAS-ISRAEL WAR HAS INCREASED THREAT OF TERRORIST ATTACKS ON U.S. SOIL

Last week the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) released a public service announcement to highlight potential terrorist threats in the United States in response to the war in the Middle East. While the level of skill required to operate an agricultural aircraft makes it unlikely that it would be used by terrorists, the aerial application industry must nevertheless remain alert to any and all potential threats. Hostile actors may be interested in large quantities of fuel or chemicals instead of aircraft.

There are numerous ways to increase the security at your operation. A common and effective solution used by many operators is a video camera system. You can customize the number and location of the cameras, monitor them via the internet, and record footage. Many have the ability to alert you should they detect movement. Don't forget the simple things either, such as locking all building and vehicle doors and securing your chemicals and fuel. See NAAA's <u>Ag Aviation Security</u> webpage for more information, including the Airfield Watch Brochure and an article on hidden cutoff switches.

Don't be complacent with security procedures at your ag operation. After years of no terrorist attacks on U.S. soil and if you've never had someone commit theft or vandalism at your operation, it's easy to let your guard down. Don't! You may think that because your operation is in a very rural area that there's no possible way someone would consider your site. But maybe that's exactly why they might chose your operation. Remain vigilant at all times.

Check Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs)

Always check TFR NOTAMs before flying! Make sure you have proof of a preflight TFR briefing from sources such as FSS or <u>https://www.1800wxbrief.com</u>.

Make a "Fly Safe" Resolution Now!

Watch your e-mail every other Monday in April and May and every Monday in June, July, and August for scheduled issues. Supplemental messages may be sent when additional safety awareness is warranted. Please call 202-546-5722 or e-mail information@agaviation.org if you wish to be removed only from these Fly Safe messages or all e-mails from the NAAA.