

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the First Edition of Our Security Operations Newsletter!

Welcome to the **first edition** of our brand-new **Aviation Security Operations Newsletter**—a monthly publication dedicated to keeping all airport staff informed and up to date on matters critical to aviation security.

Each month, you can expect essential updates, reminders, practical tips, and insights covering security procedures, compliance standards, and industry best practices. This newsletter aims to ensure that everyone is informed, prepared, and aligned—because aviation security is a shared responsibility, and staying well-informed is one of the most effective ways we can collectively contribute to maintaining a safe and secure airport environment.

We are excited to keep you in the loop and to collaborate in strengthening our airport community.

TOOLS & TIPS

Stay Sharp with "The Big Six" Security Practices

As part of our commitment to keeping PDX safe, we're highlighting The Big Six — six simple yet powerful habits every employee should follow to support security.

1. **Always wear your PDX badge visibly** – It helps everyone know who belongs where.
2. **Don't piggyback** – Never let someone follow you through a secured door without swiping their own badge.
3. **Be alert** – If something or someone seems suspicious, speak up.
4. **Close the door** – Secure all access points behind you.
5. **Know the rules** – Familiarize yourself with security policies and procedures.
6. **Report it** – Even small concerns may be part of a bigger issue.

Call the PDX Communications Center at 503-460-4747

Security is everyone's responsibility.

See it. Hear it. Report it.

THE BIG SIX

Simple Security Measures

1



Visibly display your PDX badge at all times.

2



Always close the door behind you.

3



Don't piggyback.

4



Understand security policies and procedures.

5



Question suspicious behavior.

6



Report it! It may be part of a bigger picture.

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PDX AVIATION SECURITY OPERATIONS



**ALWAYS CLOSE DOOR
BEHIND YOU**

Door Hygiene

- **EVERYONE** must swipe their own PDX Security badge when accessing an access-control security door.
- **ALWAYS** secure doors behind you
- **NEVER** allow someone access to a security door without using their own PDX Security Badge

If someone asks for access through a door without using their own PDX Security Badge:

- **DENY** access
- **REPORT** the incident immediately to the PDX Communications Center at: 503-460-4747

Failing to properly secure an access control door or gate is a Class II security violation and will result in a badge suspension

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS

HAWKS

Helping Airport Workers Know Security

Be a HAWK – Stay Alert, Stay Safe!

HAWKS is an airport-wide program that creates a safer PDX by enlisting **all badgeholders** to observe and report suspicious activity. Your participation adds a vital layer of security.

Here's the best part – **anyone can participate, including YOU!** Whether you're new to PDX or have years of experience, staying alert and informed on security protocols is a key part of your job.

Stay sharp! Get involved and you could be entered into our monthly drawing to win one of two \$50 Visa gift cards.

HOW TO WIN

- Pass a security challenge play
- Be nominated
- Report suspicious activity

HOW TO NOMINATE

Nominate an employee or coworker using the link below.

[HAWKS Nomination Form](#)

THIS MONTH'S WINNERS



Floyd Schlappie III
Port of Portland

Floyd Identified and reported suspicious activity which resulted in an arrest.

Big thank you to Floyd for his quick thinking and commitment to security.



Andrew Powlison
Port of Portland

Andrew stopped and reported an improper escort incident in the secured area.

Thank you, Andrew! Your attentiveness helped protect our airport.

SECURITY UPDATES & ALERTS

New Security Provider Begins June 1: Welcome Covenant Aviation Security



We're pleased to announce that starting **June 1**, **Covenant Aviation Security** will take over as our new security services provider, replacing Global Security. PDX will partner with Covenant to perform a range of security functions, including staffing airfield checkpoints, ensuring one-way flow in concourse exit lane, conducting employee security screening, and supporting other key security operations.

Covenant brings a strong industry reputation and deep experience, having delivered over **36 million hours of aviation security services** nationwide. They are a **premier provider** of security and screening services for Airport Authorities, TSA, and airlines. Covenant currently operates at some of the nation's busiest airports, including:

- San Francisco (SFO)
- Orlando (MCO)
- JFK and LaGuardia (NYC)
- Atlanta (ATL)
- Chicago O'Hare (ORD)
- Boston Logan (BOS)
- Dallas-Ft. Worth (DFW)
- Dulles (IAD)
- Newark (EWR)
- Philadelphia (PHL)

We're confident this transition will strengthen our overall security operations and enhance the safety of everyone working at and traveling through PDX.

Please share this update with your teams and join us in welcoming Covenant Aviation Security to our airport community.

For questions, contact Aviation Security Operations.

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