

RIC INSIDER



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The internal newsletter created by and intended for members of Team RIC.

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A Message from Basil O. Dosunmu, Chief Financial Officer - Capital Region Airport Commission

Vacation season has begun! As we look ahead towards a busy summer, we pause to reflect upon the incredible achievements of the past year. RIC has recorded 14 consecutive record months of enplaned passengers, an historic increase with a story that needs to be told. Below you will find details for *Annual Report 2023: A Year of Extraordinary Heights*. Team RIC played a key role in achieving these results. I encourage you to read the report to celebrate these accomplishments and look forward to more years of extraordinary heights!

RIC Releases Annual Report 2023

Richmond International Airport (RIC) has released its *Annual Report 2023*, the first publication of its kind released by the airport. The report celebrates the immense accomplishments of Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23), which saw record-breaking passenger traffic and cargo volume. The report highlights the stories of resilience and growth behind these historic numbers, as well as the commitment to provide an exceptional travel experience to our passengers.

[Annual Report 2023 can be viewed here.](#)



“Virginia is for Lovers” Merch at Hudson!

For more than 50 years, Virginia's promotional slogan for tourism has been embraced by millions. Taking home some "Virginia is for Lovers" merchandise is a must when visiting the Commonwealth's capital city.

Shop at a Hudson News location to purchase some of this officially branded merchandise. Hudson has a broad range of "Virginia is for Lovers" products available for purchase: everything from t-shirts and hats to glassware and tumblers. Stock up on items with this cherished slogan so that you can share the state we all love. [Click here to learn more about "Virginia is for Lovers."](#)

Itinerary: Important Dates

Fridays in June

June 30

July 1

July 23

[Friday Cheers Downtown Concert Series](#)

Fiscal Year 2024 Ends

Fiscal Year 2025 Begins

Blood Drive - Delta & the American Red Cross – 10 a.m.-2:45 p.m., South Ticketing Conference Room

Schedule your appointment at www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor code **DeltaRIC**.

April 2024



408,754



18.7 million lbs.



8,566

+ 3.9%

+ 15.3%

-2.4%

Southwest is BNA and BWI Bound!



Southwest Airlines began flying two new, nonstop routes to Nashville (BNA) and Baltimore/Washington (BWI) on June 4! These routes will provide convenient, nonstop service to two destinations that will further expand RIC's ever-growing lineup of travel options.

Team RIC showed up to celebrate the special occasion in a big way. ARFF created a water arch with their trucks, providing a beautiful display for the inaugural BNA flight to taxi through. Delaware North rolled out the welcome mat by catering muffins, coffee, and water to the passengers and flight crew of both flights.

RIC vs Human Trafficking

by Dereck Tingfah, Airport Operations Manager, Capital Region Airport Commission

The Blue Lightning Initiative (BLI), is an element of the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign](#). BLI trains aviation industry personnel to identify and report potential traffickers and human trafficking victims to federal law enforcement. To date, over 140 aviation industry partners have trained more than 350,000 employees through BLI.

RIC joined BLI in February of 2021. More than 500 employees have received training since RIC signed on. BLI training is available to all employees as either an online, computer-based course, or facilitator-led in-person session.

Here's some facts on human trafficking and the Blue Lightning Initiative:

- 600k to 800k people are trafficked across international borders every year; 50% are children, 80% are women.
- Human trafficking generates \$32 billion per year, making it the 3rd largest international criminal industry.
- The United Nations (UN) divides human trafficking into three categories—sex trafficking, labor trafficking, and the removal of organs.



To arrange BLI training and view the BLI training video (shot right here at RIC), contact RIC Airport Operations. Additionally, awareness materials like posters, pamphlets, key tags and wallet cards are available.



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