



AA/CRAC Joint Safety Meeting Notes

Meeting date – Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10:00 am (In person)

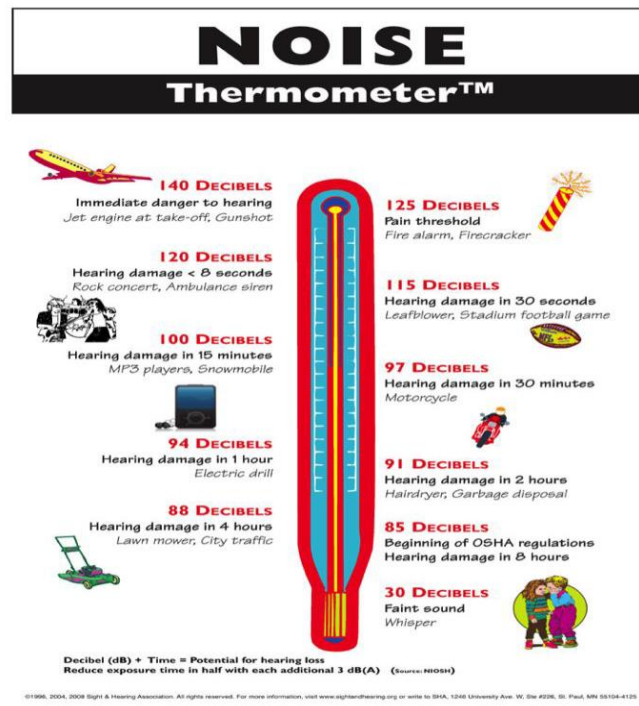
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- ❖ Joint Safety Committee (JSC) core values and mission statement.
 - Core Values
 - To promote a positive safety culture that is inclusive of all companies and government entities.
 - Establish and support cooperation between groups through positive relationships.
 - Address unsafe practices or violations.
 - Learn from others.
 - Mission Statement
 - To ensure the safety of passengers and employees, the protection of all assets, compliance with all applicable policies of the Capital Region Airport Commission, and government entities of the Richmond International Airport family.
- ❖ Introduction and Welcome – Airport Operations Officer Alyssa Ferdinand facilitated the meeting.
- ❖ Welcome to October’s RIC Joint Safety Meeting.
- ❖ Agenda
 - Introductions

- RIC Safe
- Safety Focus
- Construction Zone
- Security Matters
- Safety Town Hall
- ❖ Badging Update
 - We are down to 20 badges due to critical shortage.
 - Continuing the temporary badge system. Stickers on nonchipped badges allowing an employee to be escorted in and out of secured areas by company personnel.
- ❖ RIC Safe
 - Daylight savings ends November 7, @ 02:00.
 - Shorter days and longer night.
 - Be mindful of driving in the dark.
 - Deer Mating season is October-November
 - Be careful when driving and dawn and dusk. This is when they are most active.
 - If you see a deer, slow down. Female deer usually travel in herds. Wait till you pass the crossing point to speed back up.
 - Deer habitually use certain areas to cross. Usually between areas of cover. If there are deer warnings about, than they are there for good reason.
 - Do not swerve to miss deer. Apply brake and stay in your lane. Swerving could lead to loss in control of your vehicle, crossing into another lane, hitting an oncoming vehicle, or leaving the road and hitting a tree.
 - Please visit Virginia's Dpt of Wildlife resources for more info.
 - <https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/deer/deer-management-program/>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXdtN-pJiIM>
 - <https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/deer/faq/>
- ❖ Aircraft collides with Tug
 - Occurred at London Stansted Airport last week.
 - Aircraft collided with the tug that was towing it from its maintenance facility.

- No injuries reported, but it's unknown how the incident occurred.
- ❖ Ramp Safety
 - Obey stop signs.
 - Drive at walking speed in congested areas.
 - Stop when anti-collision lights are on.
 - Do not cross behind planes when lights are on. Even if it looks like the vehicle is parked.
- ❖ Equipment Parking Plan
 - A simple way to increase safety.
 - No last minute scramble.
 - It becomes routine.
 - Allows other vehicles to safely move around gates.
 - Reduces risk of damage to aircraft, facilities, and equipment.
- ❖ Bird Strike
 - Flight from Atlantic City to Fort Lauderdale on October 2, 2021 stuck a bird on take off roll. The 2 year old A320 ingested the bird down the right engine, which caused a fire. The crew rejected take off only 1800 ft down the runway and request the assistance of ARFF. Passangers ignored the direction of the crew and collected their belongings before exiting the plane. All were evacuated saftley.
 - Documenting and reporting strikes is a priority for the airport.
 - Please report your strikes to airport operations.
 - We will than report it to the FAA.
- ❖ Safety Focus
 - October is National Protect your Hearing Month
 - Hearing loss can lead to frustration, Hearing loss can lead to frustration, miscommunication, and misunderstandings... it's frustrating for the individual, and frustrating for those trying to communicate with them.
 - The CDC supports "National Protect Your Hearing Month" and encourages people to use hearing protection, to protect their hearing from loud noises. As well as encouraging people to get their hearing checked if there is reason to suspect a problem.

- Early identification for hearing loss is important. You can not regain hearing that is lost. You can only protect what you have left.
- Many people live with unidentified hearing loss, often failing to realize that they are missing certain words or sounds. Checking ones hearing would be the first step towards addressing the issue.
- In 1999, the World Health Organization’s Guidelines for Community Noise, concluded that a 24-hour equivalent sound level of 70 dB or below would avoid hearing impairment in 95% of people, even over a lifetime exposure.
- Exposure to impulse noise should never exceed a peak sound pressure of 140 dB peak in adults, and 120 dB in children.



- 3rd most common chronic health condition in the US.
- Almost twice as many people report hearing loss as they report diabetes or cancer.
- About 40 million adults aged 20–69 years have noise-induced hearing loss,

- 1 in 4 adults who report “excellent to good” hearing already have hearing damage.
- Activities away from work can damage hearing just as much as a noisy job.
- Over half of all adults with hearing damage do not have noisy jobs.
- The average person is born with about 16,000 hair cells within their inner ear. These cells allow your brain to detect sounds. Damaged inner ear cells do not grow back.
- If you already have hearing loss, or are experiencing pain, discomfort, or ringing in the ears, take steps to keep it from getting worse.
- O.S.H.A. requires companies to have a Hearing Conservation Program when employees are exposed to a noise level of 85 dBA or higher on an 8-hour shift.
- Employers must provide free annual hearing exams, hearing protection, and training
- Noise can be produced by:
 - industrial equipment
 - large pieces of motorized equipment
 - generators
 - construction activity
 - handheld tools
 - alarms
 - sirens
- People who opt to wear ear buds or headphones to listen to music in an already noisy environment are inflicting more damage to their ears.
- Repeated “short” periods of exposure can eventually have a cumulative effect.
- What can we do?
 - Lead by example
 - Limit our exposure, even for short periods of time.
 - Take steps at home, and at events like concerts.

- Encourage young workers to take it seriously.
- Challenge one another.
- “Hey man,” ear buds out –ear plugs in.
- Signage, briefings, and creative reminders.
- Encourage audiometric testing.
- Provide education and encourage companies to provide protection for other non-airline employees.
 - Concession personnel
 - Airport staff
 - Contractors
 - Vendors
 - Construction personnel
 - Governmental employees
 - Spread the word.

❖ Construction Update

- 2/20 closures through out Oct.
- 2 year long projects of De-Ice pad and Ramp expansion are starting next year. There will be temporary repairs on the south PID gates,
- Taxiway U sticking to schedule.
- 14-15 day closure of 2/20 starting in December.
- TWY V patch is waiting for a schedule.



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6	7 Daylight Saving Time Ends 	8	9 RWY 16/34 Closure 	10	11 Veterans Day  Badging Office Closed	12
13	14	15	16 Joint Safety Meeting 	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 RWY 2/20 Closure 	24	25  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	26  BLACK FRIDAY
27	28 Hanukkah	29	30 Giving Tuesday			