



AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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Dear ASN volunteer,

AOPA has been engaged in a frustrating effort to bring reason and practicality to the TSA's ill-conceived Security Directive 1542-04-08F (SD-08F). We have attempted to work with the TSA to identify requirements, and to have those requirements reflect the real-world needs of GA pilots. The TSA has been reluctant to cooperate.

We immediately addressed this issue when it was released in December 2008 and we have been actively engaged ever since. In fact, as recently as yesterday we met with the TSA to press for relief from this SD. Several members of Congress have written letters to Secy. of Homeland Security Napolitano urging her to suspend implementation of SD-08F until alternatives can be developed. The TSA is planning to implement this SD without addressing incompatible procedures that have the potential to significantly harm GA operations nationwide.

In my last letter, I urged you to contact your elected officials and explain how SD-08F would negatively impact general aviation. Today, again, I need your help.

Please review the questions below with your airport manager and email responses to gasecurity@aopa.org (no need to copy other AOPA email addresses) by **this Tuesday, May 19th**. You are welcome to send responses after this date, but they will be advisory only (i.e., not included in the report). **Note:** *To help AOPA compile this information as quickly as possible, we ask that you only include verified information for your airport.*

For all airports:

- ✓ Does your airport have commercial airline service?
- ✓ If your airport does have commercial service, does the terminal have TSA screening areas for passengers and baggage?
- ✓ Is your airport required to comply with SD-08F? *Note: the TSA has not published a list of airports (by name) that are covered by SD-08F.*

For airports required to comply with SD-08F, please answer the additional questions below:

- ✓ Do you currently have procedures in place for escorting transient pilots? If not, are you aware of a plan to develop procedures?
- ✓ Do you currently have procedures in place for access to after-hours self-fueling? If not, are you aware of a plan to develop procedures? Could the proposed plan create a potential safety of flight issue if pilots are not able to re-fuel at the airport?
- ✓ Has your airport started issuing identification badges? If so, who is required to have a badge (e.g., based pilots, flight training students, aviation mechanics)? What is the airport charging for the badge (e.g., \$15, \$75)? Is there a deposit fee? When does the badge expire?
- ✓ What will the administrative cost of implementing these procedures be for the airport?
- ✓ Will your airport have the required procedures in place by the June 1, 2009 compliance date?

Sincerely,

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