

July 20, 2018

Dear Aviation Professional:

A Regional Runway Safety Action Team Hazard Identification and Communication workshop will convene on August 29, 2018 to discuss operations on Bethel State Airport and your organization has been identified as a principal user of the airfield, making you a critical member of this advisory group. The meeting will begin at 5:00 P.M. in the Alaska Airlines upstairs meeting room, and is expected to last one hour. For those participants who wish to be included on the daylight tour of Bethel State Airport, please meet with the State DOT representative before the meeting. As a participant of the advisory team, you will review airfield and terminal airspace operations and discuss development of a risk mitigation plan to avoid runway incursions. This workshop will be used as a forum to receive suggestions for better airfield design and operational procedures, as well as provide the FAA a chance to brief on continuing system developments across the country being instituted to improve aviation safety.

We will discuss some of the procedural and equipment changes that have contributed to the increase in our collective aviation safety status and review some of the current problems that have been identified system wide. We continue to solicit your input to improve efficiency and increase operational safety at Bethel State Airport as well as other airports worldwide. We will be distributing our animated runway safety training material as a part of the advisory team information package at the workshop.

We are specifically requesting your participation at this workshop. As a principal user at Bethel State Airport, you have a vested interest in the airport's continued safe operation. It is critical that we hear your views and that you share your organization's safety concerns. Please plan on attending or to have a representative attend the workshop.

Following the conclusion of the Runway Safety Action Team workshop, we will convene a Pilot Briefing. The briefing will begin at 6:00 P.M., and is expected to last one hour. During this time, we will discuss threat and error management, the contribution of human factors to runway incursions and we will show and discuss incursion animations as well. We will also be distributing our animated runway safety training material as a part of the pilot briefing.

We are requesting your encouragement of all local pilots to attend this briefing. We feel it is imperative that both new and experienced pilots continue their flying, education and emphasize that safety is everyone's concern.

Please RSVP by close of business August 20, 2018 for the daylight tour of the airfield.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (907) 543-3661.

Thank you for your help in improving aviation safety! I look forward to seeing you at the Bethel Airport Runway Safety Action Team Workshop on August 29, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

Regards,

John Thatcher

Bethel ATCT Manager