

Coffee with Controllers at KDPA

Join us for an insightful forum exploring Human Performance and Pilot-Controller interactions, drawing from GAJSC and FAA studies on human factors identified in general aviation accident investigations. We'll provide a high-level overview of human performance issues that may impact piloting and guide you to additional resources on FAASafety.gov.

Whether you're a student pilot, a seasoned professional, or simply curious about the dynamics of air and ground traffic management, this event offers a unique opportunity to engage with professional air traffic controllers at DuPage Airport (Class D). Gain valuable insights and best practices for flight and ground operations and discover how human factors influence the communication and instructions provided by ATC, TRACON, and Center Controllers. Go beyond the usual FAQs and enhance your understanding of safe aviation operations.

Event Details

Sat, Jan 10, 2026 at 09:00 CST

**DuPage Municipal Airport
(KDPA)/West Chicago, Illinois**

2700 International Drive
Main Terminal Flight Center, 3rd FL
Conference RM

West Chicago, IL



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Due to the enthusiastic discussions that ensue this event is scheduled for 3 hours.

GPS directions to DuPage Airport (KDPA) Main Terminal, Flight Center. Upon parking request directions to the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

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