

East Michigan Flight Standards District Office Monthly Safety Meeting February 2026

Event Details

PTK ATC Tower Controller/Pilot Forum-See Additional Information below for highlights of the forum.

On your own to See and Avoid.

This is a special education campaign emphasizing pilot's responsibilities for collision avoidance at all times and when operating on Visual Clearances issued by ATC.

Teaching Points:

- Pilots are responsible for seeing and avoiding air traffic. Visual scanning for traffic is the most common means to avoid collision. Pilots must commit to maintaining an effective traffic scan throughout flight.

Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 13:00 EST

JDV Conference Room

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- Complacency and distractions can severely compromise traffic scanning effectiveness.
- ATC may provide separation services and assist in identifying traffic but the Pilots are primarily responsible for collision avoidance.
- ATC may issue Visual clearances to follow or avoid aircraft. When operating on Visual Clearances, pilots must keep the referenced traffic in sight or, if they lose sight of the traffic, they must immediately inform ATC.
- Near Mid air Case Study Practical Exercise(s)

Via personal vehicle: ample parking in terminal parking lot.

Fly-in: park on airport terminal ramp as directed by ATC.

Today's OPS presentation will take two hours.