



Dear Massachusetts General Aviation Pilot:

As a fellow pilot and as a dedicated citizen, you understand the importance of protecting our nation's general aviation airports and facilities from potential threats.

That's why the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission (MAC) has partnered with the Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association (AOPA) to endorse some very simple security procedures to keep our state's airports safe:

- 1) Please securely lock your aircraft when it is unattended.
- 2) Please utilize and prominently display the MAC's airport security badge upon entering the airport operation area.
- 3) Please help us make the AOPA's Airport Watch Program successful. This program was modeled after the highly successful Neighborhood Watch Program used in communities across the country. Most GA pilots find their home airport as familiar as their own neighborhood, so who else is better qualified to know when suspicious strangers appear? AOPA's Airport Watch relies on civic minded pilots like you to be alert to any suspicious activity at local airports, and report any irregularities.

If you see any suspicious activity around your airport, the federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has established a toll free reporting number (1-866-GA-SECURE) answered by live specialists at the TSA. If you believe the situation requires urgent attention, immediately dial 911 or contact a management official at the airport. AOPA is furnishing airport managers with training tapes illustrating behavior that constitutes suspicious activity, as well as warning signs and posters. We are requesting airport managers to invite their based pilots to view this video in conjunction with discussing other community and government based efforts for protecting airports.

AOPA and the MAC need your vigilance and assistance to keep our state's airports safe. During these extraordinary times, it's important that general aviation pilots like you take the initiative to show that pilot's can, and will, foster security at our GA airports.

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Arthur Allen, Chairman
Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Boyer".

Phil Boyer, President
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association