



Course One

Introduction to
Cybersecurity and
Airport Administration

Module Three

Airport Operations, Safety Certification, and Airfield Maintenance Cybersecurity

Overview of the operational, safety, security, and maintenance functions of an airport under Part 139, Part 1540, Part 1542 and their relationship to cybersecurity.



CSAAP

Cybersecurity and Airport Administration Program



Sponsored by the
US National Science Foundation

**Cuyahoga
Community
College**



Agenda

- Airport Safety & Part 139 Certification
- Airfield Maintenance & Operational Data Integrity
- Specialized Airport Safety Programs (SICP, ARFF, WHMP)
- Airport Emergency Management & Communications Security
- Airport Security: Regulations, Programs, and Systems (ASP, PACS, CCTV)



Objectives

- Evaluate integrity/availability of historical/operational data (1.3)
- Design role-based access control (1.5)
- Recall ATC cyber risks (2.1)
- Explain encryption in comms (2.2)
- Develop cyber incident response for ops systems (2.5)
- Secure governance/legal data (ASP related) (3.4)

Airport Safety & Part 139 Certification

- **Safe Airport Operation:** Shared responsibility (FAA, Sponsor, Users).
- **Title 14 CFR Part 139:** Certification of Airports serving scheduled air carrier aircraft with >9 seats (or unscheduled >30 seats).
- **Airport Operating Certificate (AOC):** Issued by FAA, signifies compliance.
- **Airport Certification Manual (ACM):** FAA-approved document detailing how airport complies with Part 139. Living document.



Airport Safety & Part 139 Certification (Cont'd)

- **Key ACM Elements:** Lines of succession, airport familiarization, self-inspection, maintenance, safety areas, ARFF, snow/ice control, wildlife, etc.
- **Cybersecurity Concerns**
 - *The ACM itself is a critical document.*
 - *If digital, its integrity and availability must be ensured.*
 - *Records of compliance (inspections, training) are important and often digitized.*



Airfield Self-Inspections

- **Part 139 Requirement:** Daily self-inspections.
- **What to Inspect:** Pavement, markings, lighting, safety areas, NAVAIDS, wildlife, construction, public protection, fuel farm, ARFF.
- **Record Keeping:** At least 12 CALENDAR months (for regular inspections).
- **NOTAM System (Notice to Air Missions):** Disseminates info on unsafe conditions. Airport responsibility to issue.



Airfield Self-Inspections (Cont'd)

- **Cybersecurity Concerns:**

- *Integrity of digital inspection logs is crucial for compliance and safety analysis.*
- *Availability of these logs for audits.*
- *Integrity and availability of the NOTAM system (and data feeds to it) are critical for flight safety. Unauthorized or erroneous NOTAMs could be dangerous.*



Airfield Maintenance Standards

- **Pavement Management Programs (PMP):** Systematic approach to maintaining pavements (cracking, FOD, rubber buildup).
- **Markings & Signs:** Must be conspicuous, conform to standards.
- **Airfield Lighting:** Runway/taxiway edge lights, threshold lights, approach lights, PAPIs, REILs. Control systems.
- **Cybersecurity Concerns:**
 - *PMP software/databases: Integrity of data for decision-making.*
 - *Digital records of marking/signage maintenance.*
 - *Airfield lighting control systems (often OT/SCADA): Vulnerable to unauthorized control leading to safety issues (e.g., turning off runway lights, incorrect PAPI indication). Availability is important.*

NAVAIDS & Public Protection

- **Navigational Aids (NAVAIDS):** Owned/operated by FAA (ILS, VOR, NDB) or airport (PAPIs, REILs, some AWOS).
- **Airport responsibility:** Monitor status, protect from damage, report outages.
- **Public Protection:** Fencing, gates, access control to prevent inadvertent entry to movement areas.
- **Cybersecurity Concerns:**
 - *Integrity of data feeds from airport-owned NAVAIDS (e.g., AWOS) to pilots/ATC.*
 - *Protection of monitoring systems for FAA NAVAIDS.*
 - *Cybersecurity of systems controlling public access gates (linking to PACS).*

Key Airport Safety Programs (SICP, ARFF, WHMP)

- **Snow and Ice Control Plan (SICP):** Procedures for snow removal, chemical use, airfield condition reporting.
- **Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF):** Part 139 requirement. Index based on longest air carrier aircraft & frequency. Equipment, staffing, training, response times.
- **Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP):** Assesses hazards, outlines mitigation. Required if wildlife events occur.
- **Cybersecurity Concerns**
 - *Digital SICPs, airfield condition reporting systems (FICONS).*
 - *ARFF: Dispatch systems, training records, equipment maintenance logs.*
 - *WHMP: Strike databases, habitat management plans, dispersal logs.*

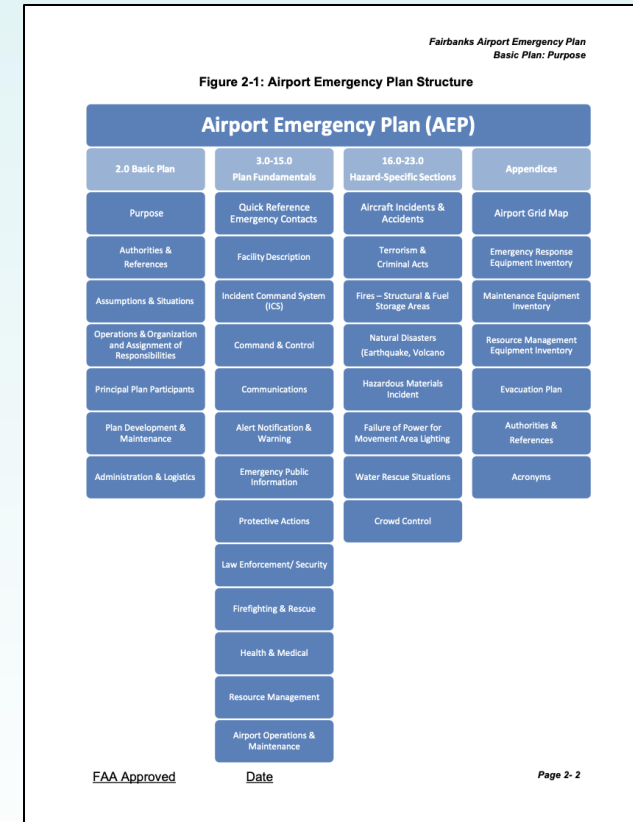
Airport Emergency Management (AEP, NIMS/ICS)

- **Airport Emergency Plan (AEP):** Required by Part 139. Comprehensive plan for responding to various emergencies.
- **AEP Contents:** Command & control, communications, alert procedures, mutual aid, medical, media, etc.
- **National Incident Management System (NIMS):** National standard for incident management. Provides consistent framework.
- **Incident Command System (ICS):** Standardized, on-scene management structure within NIMS. Scalable.



Airport Emergency Management (Cont'd)

- **Cybersecurity Concerns:**
 - *Securing digital AEPs (confidentiality of response plans, integrity).*
 - *Cybersecurity of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) systems, data, and displays.*
 - *Ensuring redundant/secure communication channels.*



Airport Communications Center (ACC) & IROPS

- **Airport Communications Center (ACC) / Dispatch:** Hub for airport operational comms, alarm monitoring, dispatching resources (Ops, ARFF, Police, Maintenance).
- **Irregular Operations (IROPS):** Events disrupting normal ops (weather, security, system outages). AEP often activated.
- **Cybersecurity Concerns:**
 - *ACC/Dispatch systems: Integrity and availability of Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), phone systems, radio networks.*
 - *Protecting communication networks from jamming, eavesdropping, or disruption, especially during IROPS or emergencies.*
 - *Ensuring data flowing through ACC (incident details, resource status) is accurate.*

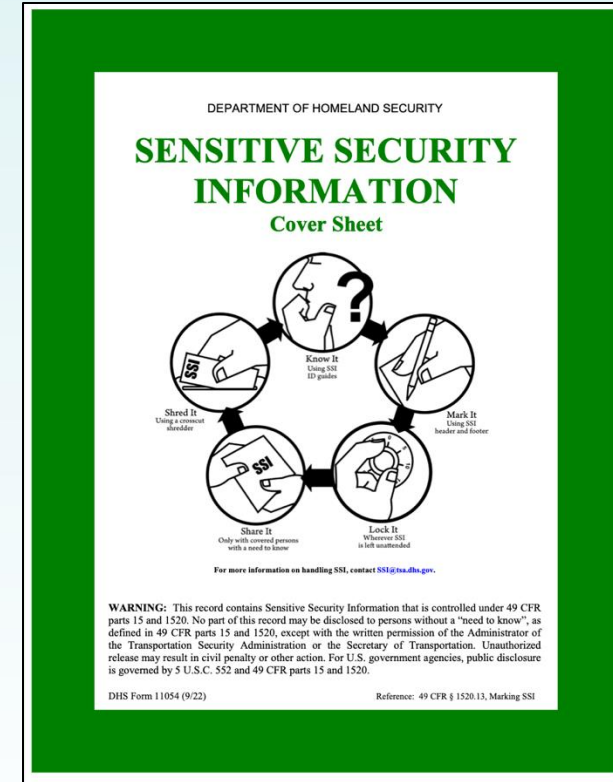


Airport Security Overview (ATSA, TSA Regs, ASP)

- **Post-9/11:** Aviation and Transportation Security Act (ATSA) created TSA.
- **TSA Regulations:** Part 1540 (Civil Aviation Security: General Rules), Part 1542 (Airport Security).
- **Airport Security Program (ASP):** FAA/TSA-approved document detailing how an airport complies with security regs. Specific to each airport. (CM Mod 3, pp. 89-91)
- **ASP Content:** Security areas, access control, credentialing, LEO requirements, contingency plans, training. Often SSI.

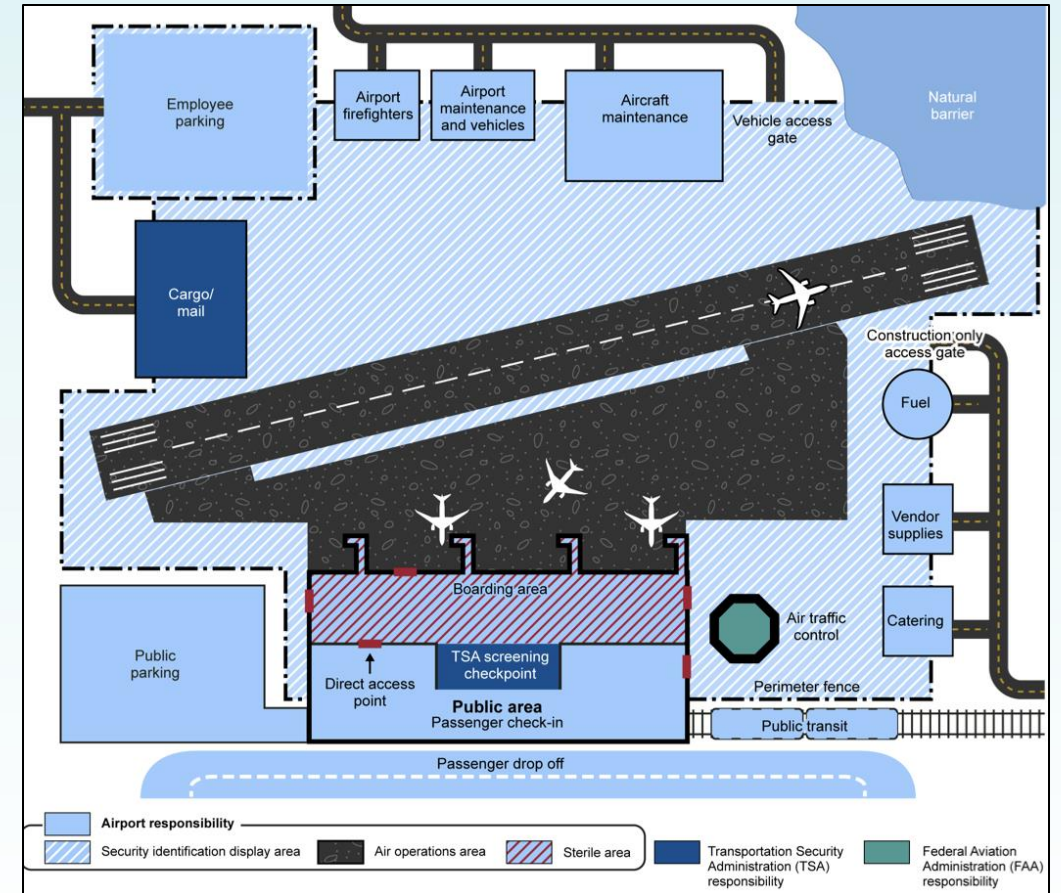
Airport Security Overview (Cont'd)

- **Cybersecurity Concerns:**
 - *ASP is a highly sensitive document.*
 - *Digital versions require strict access control and encryption.*
 - *Systems supporting ASP functions (e.g., training records, incident reports) need protection.*



Airport Security Areas & Access Control

- **Security Areas:** Defined in ASP.
 - **AOA (Air Operations Area):** Aircraft movement areas, ramps, safety areas.
 - **SIDA (Security Identification Display Area):** Area requiring display of airport-approved ID.
 - **Sterile Area:** Post-passenger screening, prior to boarding.
 - **Secured Area:** Highest level, includes SIDA with more stringent access control.



Airport Security Areas & Access Control (Cont'd)

- **Access Control & Credentialing Systems (PACS):**
Manage who has access to what areas, when.
 - *Badging, biometrics, PINs.*
 - *Database of personnel, access levels, training status.*
- **Cybersecurity Concerns:**
 - *PACS database is a prime target (PII, access privileges).*
 - *Integrity of access rules, availability of the system, and confidentiality of data are critical.*
 - *Compromise could enable insider threats or unauthorized physical access.*



Physical Security (CCTV) & GA Security

- **CCTV Systems:** Widely used for surveillance. Increasingly IP-based.
- **GA Airport Security:** Typically, less stringent than Part 1542, but still important.
- **Cybersecurity Concerns:**
 - *IP CCTV: Vulnerable to network attacks if not secured (default passwords, unpatched firmware, network segmentation). Video could be intercepted or manipulated.*
 - *Secure storage and access control for recorded CCTV footage.*
 - *Even GA airports using digital systems for access or record-keeping need basic cyber hygiene.*



Conclusion

- **Recap:** Airport operations, safety (Part 139), maintenance, emergency management, and security are all data-intensive and system-reliant.
- Cybersecurity is important for protecting inspection records, maintenance systems (PMP, lighting controls), NAVAID data, safety program data (SICP, ARFF, WHMP), emergency plans & comms (AEP, EOC), and security systems (ASP, PACS, CCTV).

Module 4 Preview & Questions

- Airport Operations, Safety Certification (Part 139), Airfield Maintenance, and their specific cybersecurity challenges.
- Check LMS for readings, supplemental resources, discussion board, and quiz.
- Questions?