

AGENDA

All Times Central

(Updated as of July 31, 2026)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

2:00–6:30 p.m.	**Registration**
3:30–5:00 p.m.	**Fundamentals of Part 139 Inspections and Full-Scale Exercises** • Travis Krabbenhoft, C.M., ACE, *Director of Airport Safety,* Denver International Airport • Stephanie Lane, MPA, C.M., CBCP, *Senior Airport Consultant,* Mead & Hunt
3:30–5:00 p.m. 5:00–6:30 p.m.	**GIS 101: Introduction to Geospatial Technologies** • Randy Murphy, *President,* Endpoint Intelligence, LLC • Rob Grotefend, GISP, *National Discipline Leader, Geospatial,* RS&H **Welcome Reception with Exhibitors** ***Sponsored by Will Rogers International Airport***

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

7:30–8:30 a.m.	**Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors** ***Sponsored by ProDIGIQ & Archetype SC***
7:40–8:20 a.m.	**Airside Ops & Safety WG, Emergency Management WG, and Geospatial WG Meetings: Interact with Colleagues!**
8:30–8:45 a.m.	**Conference Welcome** • Justin Barkowski, *Legislative and Regulatory Counsel*, American Association of Airport Executives • Jeff Mulder, A.A.E., *Director of Airports*, Oklahoma City Airport Trust/Will Rogers International Airport

8:45–10:00 a.m.	**Plenary Session 1: Emerging Issues and Challenges for Airport Operations** ***Sponsored by Kimley-Horn, Illuminex AI, & GRAITEC*** *Moderator*: • Serena Sheetz, C.M., ACE, *Aviation Advisory Safety & Compliance Director,* Jacobs *Speakers*: • Travis Krabbenhoft, C.M., ACE, *Director of Airport Safety,* Denver International Airport • Jeremy Lewis, *Airport Risk Partner,* Southwest Airlines • Tyler Miller, A.A.E., ACE, *Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer*, Blue Grass Airport • John Murdock, *National Safety Chair,* National Air Traffic Controllers Association • Kevin Thompson, C.M., ACE, *Assistant Vice President, Planning,* Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
10:00–10:30 a.m.	**Refreshment Break with Exhibitors** ***Sponsored by Arora Engineers***
10:30–11:25 a.m.	**Breakout Session 1A: Runway Safety: Case Studies and Lessons Learned** *Speakers*: • Bridget Singratanakul, *Runway Safety/RWSL Representative,* National Air Traffic Controllers Association • Tristian Hooten, A.A.E., MPA, CSP, ACE, *Airport Safety Management System & Emergency Planning Manager,* Cleveland Hopkins International Airport • David Alfano, *Acting Runway Safety Team Manager*, Federal Aviation Administration **Breakout Session 1B: Asset Management: Maintaining Legacy Systems While Planning for the Future** *Moderator*: • *Speakers*: • Aaron Braswell, C.M., ACE, *Manager of Planning,* Memphis International Airport • Spencer Koehl, *Head of Operations*, knaq • Terrell Phillips, *Senior Director of Asset Management*, Denver International Airport **Breakout Session 1C: GIS Use Cases and Applications for Airports** ***Sponsored by Safe Software***

Speakers:

- Ryan Butler, GISP, IAM, *Technology Services Director*, Woolpert
- Don Wyatt, ACE, *Airfield Operations Manager,* Tulsa International Airport
- Michael Robles, *Senior GIS Analyst,* San Francisco International Airport
- Natalia Dumboski, *Emergency Management Specialist,* Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

11:35 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	**Breakout Session 2A: Before Takeoff: Examination of Landside and Terminal Event Responses** *Moderator*: • Tom Barth, Ph.D, *Senior Engineer/Investigator,* Energy Security Agency *Speakers*: • Eric Baer, *Landside Operations Specialist,* Oklahoma City Airport Trust/Will Rogers International Airport • Adam Freeman, *Deputy Director of Aviation – Operations, Maintenance, and Security*, Kansas City International Airport **Breakout Session 2B: Innovation in the Airside Environment** *Speakers*: • Steven Beetz, *Sr. Manager, Strategic Innovation*, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport • Steve Boyle, *Chief Executive Officer*, Essential Aero Inc. • Corey Clothier, *Co-Founder & CEO*, ARIBO **Breakout Session 2C: Gate Management and Operational Planning Case Studies** *Speakers*: • Posh Supupramai, P.E., *Aviation Digital Delivery Lead*, HDR • Mike Frost, PMC-II, ACE, *Senior Product Manager, Aviation*, Transoft Solutions • Joe Suglia, GISP, C.M., *Geospatial Information Manager*, Lee County Port Authority • Meena Hanna, *Airport Operations Officer,* Lee County Port Authority
12:30–1:45 p.m.	**Keynote Luncheon** ***Sponsored by Mead & Hunt, Inc., Michael Baker International, & MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC***

- Chad Nimmo, P.E., *Deputy Division Manager, Architecture and Engineering*, FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center

1:45–2:40 p.m.

Breakout Session 3A: Surface Incident Reduction Programs: Data-Driven Approaches

Moderator:

- Ryan Patton, *Senior Project Manager,* Garver

Speakers:

- Mackenzie Ball, C.M., ACE, *Senior Manager, Airport Safety,* Tampa International Airport
- Jamie Sanders, *National Surface Surveillance Representative,* National Air Traffic Controllers Association
- Yehowali Sekaya, C.M., A.S.C., *Airport Duty Manager – Operations,* Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority

Breakout Session 3B: Role of the Airport Emergency Manager: Expectations, Training, and Development

Moderator:

- Kevin T. Wu, A.A.E., I.A.P., MPA, *Airport Operations Director, Emergency Services,* Charlotte Douglas International Airport

Speakers:

- Matt Bengtzen, C.M., ACE, *Emergency Programs Manager,* Salt Lake City Department of Airports
- Richard Steele, C.M., *Deputy Airport Director, Operations*, John Wayne Airport – Orange County
- Les Summage, M.A., C.M., CBCP, NEMAA, *Senior Manager – Airport Operations,* City of Dallas - Department of Aviation

Breakout Session 3C: Geospatial Infrastructure and Applications for Smarter Project Delivery

Moderator:

- Rob Grotefend, GISP, *National Discipline Leader, Geospatial,* RS&H

Speakers:

- Mike Beavers, *Airport Industry Solutions Specialist*, Esri
- Jeremy Grisham, *Airport Planner*, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport

2:50–3:45 p.m.

Breakout Session 4A: Airport SMS Implementation: A Look at Different Airport Models

Moderator:

- Juan Martinez-Aviles, *Assistant Commissioner | Safety Management - SMS,* Chicago Department of Aviation

Speakers:
- Steven Abreu-Hill, C.M., ACE, *SMS Manager,* Houston Airport System
- Jonathon Perout, C.M., ACE, A.S.E., *Airport Operations Manager*, Sioux Falls Regional Airport Authority
- Ron Reichel, C.M., ACE, *Airport Manager, Safety & Risk,* Sacramento International Airport

Breakout Session 4B: Strategies for Developing and Executing AEPs

Moderator:
- AJ Cieplenski, III, MBA, MHRM, ACE, *Manager, Emergency Management,* Harry Reid International Airport

Speakers:
- Ron Derrick, CEM/CBCP, *Airport Emergency Management Officer,* Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
- Kenny Losekamp, C.M., *Manager, Emergency Response,* Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport
- Andy Harsh, A.A.E., USAP, C.A.E., IACE, *Emergency Manager,* Ontario International Airport

Breakout Session 4C: Smart Landside at Airports

Moderator:
- Samantha Singh, *Landside Operations Manager*, Charlotte Douglas International Airport

Speakers:
- Arica Gateley, *Airport and Business Development*, Waymo
- Andrew Kirk, *Vice President, Growth*, Automotus
- Abubaker Azam, ACE, *Director of Landside Operations*, San Francisco International Airport

3:45–4:15 p.m.	**Refreshment Break with Exhibitors**
4:15–5:15 p.m.	**Plenary Session 2: Applying AI and Innovation to Enhance Airport Safety and Efficiency** ***Sponsored by Veoci Inc.***

Moderator:
- Royce Holden, MBA-TM, CISSP, *Cyber Market Lead,* Mead & Hunt

Speakers:
- Brian Freed, CFA, *Chief Executive Officer*, Illuminex AI

- Christian Kessler, *Airports Transformation and Innovation Division Manager*, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority
- Dan McCoy, *Vice President, Innovation and Process Improvement*, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

5:30–8:00 p.m.	**Social Event at National Cowboy & Western History Museum** ***Sponsored by Will Rogers International Airport***

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

7:30–8:30 a.m.	**Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors** ***Sponsored by PASSUR Aerospace & Intelligent Design Systems Inc.***
8:45–9:45 a.m.	**Plenary Session 3: Large Scale Event Planning and Preparations (FIFA 2026, Olympics, F1 Races, America 250)** *Moderator*: • Graham Ritz, A.A.E., *Interim Chief Operations and Public Safety Officer*, Reno-Tahoe International Airport *Speaker*: • Nicole Carcel, *Director, Major Event Operations,* Los Angeles World Airports • Kate Murphy, CEM, *Emergency Management and Preparedness Manager,* Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority • Greg Phillips, A.A.E., *Chief Operating Officer,* Philadelphia International Airport
9:45–10:15 a.m.	**Refreshment Break with Exhibitors**
10:15–11:15 a.m.	**Breakout Session 5A: Construction Safety: Successful Planning and Coordination** ***Sponsored by Procore Technologies, Inc.*** *Moderator*: • Kellie Reed, C.M., *Airport Director*, Stillwater Regional Airport *Speakers*: • Blake Green, A.A.E., ACE. *Airport Construction Superintendent,* Oklahoma City Airport Trust/Will Rogers International Airport • Tara Perez, CSP, SMS, *General Manager, Corporate Safety,* Delta Air Lines • Alex Platzbecker, C.M., ACE, *Airport Safety and Security Compliance Manager*, Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority

Breakout Session 5B: Airside Case Studies: Effective Response to Aviation Incidents

Moderator:

- Ashlee Delventhal, C.M., C.E.M., *Practice Lead / Department Head, Response and Debris Management*, Tidal Basin Group

Speakers:

- Jose F. Saavedra, A.A.E., *Airport Director,* Bangor International Airport
- Derek Freckleton, *Emergency Operations Coordinator,* National Transportation Safety Board
- Megan Atkins Thoben, A.A.E., *Vice President of Operations & Customer Engagement*, Louisville Regional Airport Authority

Breakout Session 5C: Lightning Round: How Airports Leverage Geospatial Data for Digital Intelligence

Moderator:

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Speakers:

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11:25 a.m.–12:25 p.m.

Breakout Session 6A: Training Your Airport in SMS and Building a Safety Culture

Moderator:

- Joe Hennessy, *Director, Aviation Safety Management Services,* Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.

Speakers:

- Diana Fernandez, C.M., ACE, *LAX Airport Manager – SMS,* Los Angeles World Airports
- David Frassinelli, *SMS/IEP-AS Manager,* FedEx Corporation
- Jennifer Stacey, C.M., ACE, CEM, *SMS Manager,* Port of Portland

Breakout Session 6B: Integrating Technology into Your Airport's EOC/AOC/IOC
Sponsored by Westnet, LLC

Moderator:

- Joe Jordan, *Senior Business Development – Aviation*, Westnet, LLC

Speakers:

- Stephanie Lane, MPA, C.M., CBCP, *Senior Airport Consultant,* Mead & Hunt

- Anastasia McCabe, M.S., *Airport Emergency Operations Manager,* St. Louis Lambert International Airport
- Meaghan M. Smalley, A.A.E, FPEM, *Emergency Preparedness Manager,* Jacksonville Aviation Authority

Breakout Session 6C: Planning the Next Generation of Commercial Aircraft and eVTOLs
Sponsored by C&S Companies

Moderator:
- Mike Butler, *Senior Consultant,* C&S Companies

Speakers:
- Dr. Yi Gao, *Director & Professor, School of Aeronautics,* Kent State University
- Zach Shuman, C.M., *National Aviation Services Practice Leader,* Woolpert
- Brett Fay, C.M., *Vice President, General Aviation and Advanced Air Mobility,* Tampa International Airport

12:30–1:35 p.m.	**Lunch with Exhibitors** ***Sponsored by Moog Inc., Trimble, & uAvionix***
1:35–2:30 p.m.	**Breakout Session 7A: Operational Readiness and Airport Transfer (ORAT): Best Practices and Case Studies**

Moderator:
- Daniel Bryan, *ORAT Manager,* Jacobs

Speakers:
- Representative from Tampa International Airport

Breakout Session 7B: Counter-UAS Authorities and Drone Security Coordination

Speakers:
- Dustin Hetzel, *Airport Operations Compliance / Emergency Management Coordinator*, Savannah Airport Commission

Breakout Session 7C: Airport GIS Data Governance, Maintenance, and Management

Moderator:
- Tom Tiner, GISP, *Geospatial Discipline Lead,* Arora Engineers

Speakers:
- Randy Murphy, *President,* Endpoint Intelligence, LLC
- Dan Minney, *Customer Solutions Specialist II*, Safe Software

2:40–3:30 p.m.	**Breakout Session 8A: Maximizing the Benefit of Tabletop Exercises and Simulated Response Drills** *Moderator*: • Krissy Garrison, C.M., ACE, *Emergency Management Administrator,* Dallas Fort Worth International Airport *Speakers*: • David Nicewinter, C.M., MEP, *Director of Emergency Operations*, Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority • Melanie Brown, C.M., *Assistant Director, Emergency Preparedness*, Houston Airport System **Breakout Session 8B: Predictive Maintenance for Airfield Infrastructure** *Moderator*: • Representative from Michael Baker International (Invited) *Speaker*: • Amir Emadi, *Founder and CEO,* Airwai • Brandon Knight, *Operations Officer*, San Bernardino International Airport • Jonathan Sides, *FOD Chief Engineer, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division*, U.S. Navy **Breakout Session 8C: Advanced Data Collection Technologies: Leveraging LIDAR and Drones** *Moderator*: • Jodie Brinkerhoff, ACE, *Chief Strategy Officer*, Sotereon.ai *Speakers*: • Doug Wycoff, *Director, Digital Technologies & Innovation,* Tampa International Airport • Seth Barber, ACE, *Airport Operations Officer*, Melbourne Orlando International Airport
3:30–4:00 p.m.	**Refreshment Break with Exhibitors** ***Sponsored by Interactive Airport Intelligence***
4:00–5:00 p.m.	**Plenary Session 4: IROPS Best Practices: Managing Diversions and Surge Events** ***Sponsored by GoApron Inc.*** *Moderator*: • Ricky Griffin, *Assistant Vice President, Integrated Operations Center*, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

Speakers:

- Robby Phillips, A.A.E., ACE, *Airport Operations Supervisor,* Jacksonville Aviation Authority
- Jim B. Thrash, C.M., *Operations Manager,* Oklahoma City Airport Trust/Will Rogers International Airport

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

8:15–8:30 a.m.	**Hotel Pick-Up for Optional Tour**
9:00–12:00 p.m.	**Tour of FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center**