

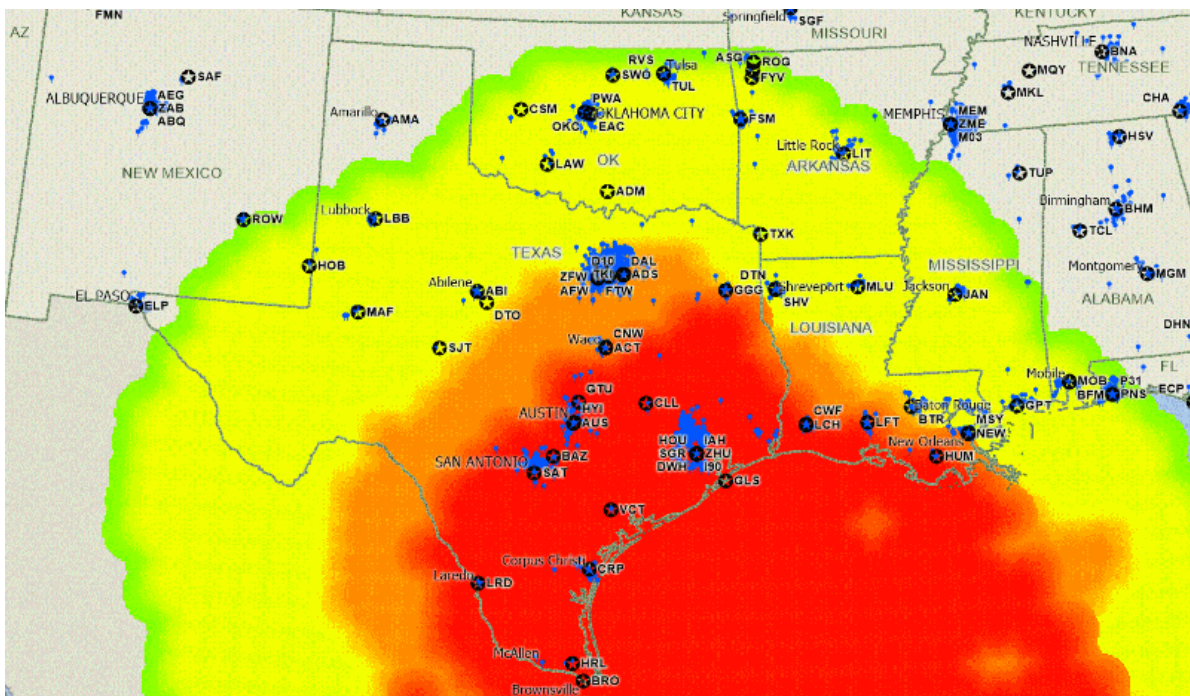
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## National Office Departmental Week in Review

*Here's what happened over the past week at the NATCA National Office*

Stay informed. [Read more.](#)



# Hurricane Harvey

*NATCA is here to help you*

Unprecedented rain is forecasted for the region affected by Hurricane Harvey, with more than 30 inches projected in some areas. Facilities located within forecasted impact area are home to 13 percent of NATCA's membership.

Stay tuned to NATCA social media for updates. If you need assistance contact any NATCA rep, including Regional Vice President Andrew LeBovidge at [alebovidge@natca.net](mailto:alebovidge@natca.net) or 713-301-0195, or Alternate Regional Vice President Chris Parris at [chris.parris@natca.net](mailto:chris.parris@natca.net) or 281-682-0723.

Your NATCA family is here to help. Please use every precaution possible to prepare yourself and your families.



## FAA EAP/WorkLife Resources

*Hurricane preparation, response, and recovery*

### **"Tell an FAA Friend" who may need this resource.**

Information from the FAA provides links to resources to deal with the after-effects of a natural disaster, from finding resources to meet basic needs to dealing with the emotional effects of trauma. [Read more.](#)

You can also learn more by reading the PDF "**Coping With Floods - Preparation**" from the FAA WorkLife Solutions program. [Download here.](#)

### **Balance For Emotional Wellness**

Are you one of the millions of working Americans who struggle each day to keep life in some semblance of balance? Here are some ideas for attaining better balance.

[Read more.](#)



## **Communicating For Safety 2018**

*Oct. 22-24, 2018 at Bally's Las Vegas*

Communicating For Safety (CFS) will move to the fall starting next year. For more information, [check the CFS web page for updates](#).

The Archie League Medal of Safety Awards nomination deadline has been extended to April 30, 2018. Nominations are now being accepted. Archie League Awards honor a controller or team of controllers who have gone above and beyond during an emergency situation in efforts to keep the National Airspace System safe. Any NATCA member can nominate another member or team of members in good standing. Only NATCA members can be nominated for an Archie League Medal of Safety Award. [Nominate today!](#)



The NATCA National Professionalism Awards nomination deadline has also been pushed back. NATCA will make an official announcement about the nominating deadline in a future issue of the NATCA Insider. In the meantime, you can still nominate your peers for their individual contribution and performance that has enhanced the standing of our profession. [Nominate today!](#)

The Region X Commitment to Safety Award was introduced at CFS 2017. NATCA created this award to recognize the essential safety work done by members of Region X. It is presented annually to an individual or a group of Region X members who have demonstrated a profound dedication to ensuring the safety of the National Airspace System (NAS), during either a specific instance where safety was significantly improved or a prolonged, demonstrated dedication to the well-being of the NAS. The nomination deadline is April 30, 2018. [Nominate today!](#)



## **NATCA Professional Standards Program**

*New resource now available to members*

A new one-stop shop offers tools for members and FacReps, including criteria on selecting new committee members and training materials on how the Professional Standards program can help them in their roles, professionalism videos, and more. [Read more.](#)



## **Happy Birthday Federal Aviation Administration!**

*On Aug. 23, 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 into law, creating the independent Federal Aviation Agency*



To learn more about FAA History, [click here](#).



## **NATCA National Communications Survey**

*Please complete the survey and you will be entered into drawing for a Starbucks gift card*

NATCA is committed to making sure our members receive information reliably, so our Union can be as effective as possible. We want to hear how you prefer to receive news and information from the Union. This survey will help us optimize our communications and better serve your needs. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. [Please take the survey now](#).



## **IFR/VFR Conflict Survey**

*Survey is voluntary and all responses are anonymous*

The Air Traffic Organization (ATO)'s Safety and Technical Training group (AJI) is assessing the effectiveness of awareness campaign materials related to IFR/VFR conflicts. They are surveying opinions on how IFR and VFR traffic is handled. ATO's goal is to record baseline information on the current culture, attitudes, and behaviors related to managing potential IFR/VFR conflicts. The plan is to conduct a follow-up survey in about a year and assess changes in attitudes or behavior related to IFR/VFR conflicts. [Take the survey](#).



## **Convention 2018 Registration Open!**

*Philadelphia locals look forward to welcoming NATCA brothers and sisters*

**Fun Fact:** Did you know that Philadelphia is laid out in a grid, making it easier for its 141 million annual travelers to navigate?

Don't miss the chance to explore the perpendicular streets of the nation's birthplace & labor's heartbeat during the 17th Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, April 17-20, 2018. Check out the new NATCA Convention page and [register today!](#)

## **Next OSHA Webinar Will Take Place Aug. 31**

*Title: Contingency Planning and Pre-Construction Meetings*

NATCA's OSHA Committee is hosting a webinar about the importance of pre-construction meetings and how such meetings relate to facility contingency planning. The webinar will take place on Aug. 31 at 1 p.m. EDT. To register for the webinar, [click here](#).





# Briefing Sheet

August 2017

ATSAP-X – Program Recap

## **New ATSAP Briefing Sheet**

### *ATSAP-X Program Recap*

The Air Traffic Safety Action Program (ATSAP) has prepared an updated briefing sheet to make Region X personnel aware of trending ATSAP-X data and provide a general overview of safety issues. The briefing sheet offers possible mitigations that should be explored within your work areas. ATSAP is an agreement between the FAA, NATCA, and the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) that fosters a voluntary, cooperative, non-punitive environment for FAA air traffic employees to openly report safety concerns. [\*Download here.\*](#)



## **ATSAP Online Down Time**

*There will be a service interruption to ATSAP Online this weekend from 7 a.m. Saturday Aug. 26 until noon Sunday Aug. 27*

Website maintenance will be performed on the program during the down-time. Individuals involved in events/issues during this service interruption should take notes regarding the event, so that a report can be filed once the program is restored.



## **Legislative Meetings Recap**

*NATCAvists across the country meet with congressional representatives*

Read about some of NATCA's dedicated legislative leaders who met with members of Congress this week. [Read more.](#)

## **Member Focus: Alex Navarro, Seattle Center (ZSE)**

*Navarro was recently honored at NATCA in Washington with a Regional Legislative Award*

"It's an honor and a privilege to know my peers had enough faith in me to place me into a role to represent them." [Read more.](#)



## **This Week's Notebook**

*Keep up to date with all things NATCA*

NATCA members in need; Penn State World Campus seminars; NATCA 101 dates; and much more. [Read more.](#)



## **Photo Album**

*Chattanooga, Washington, California, Los Angeles, San Diego*

Places NATCA is making a difference across the country this week. [Read more.](#)



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