



NRX Members Represent Aviation Safety Professionals at AAAE Conference

Region X (NRX) Alternate Regional Vice President Curt Howe and NRX Labor Relations Representative Felicia Reeves spoke to aviation industry experts and enthusiasts at the 94th Annual AAAE Conference & Exposition, June 5-8 in Seattle. The conference offers airport executives and operators an opportunity to collaborate and connect on issues they're facing and learn about new and emerging technologies and trends. The NATCA booth, staffed by Howe and Reeves, offered attendees information about – and networking with – aviation safety professions. NATCA is a Platinum Wings sponsor of the AAAE Conference.



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PHOTO: (left to right) Curt Howe and Felicia Reeves

Louisville Members Work Record Traffic Volume for Kentucky Derby

Last month's Kentucky Derby in Louisville drew a record amount of air traffic volume. "According to our traffic count data, it was the busiest Kentucky Derby period (Wednesday-Sunday) in the past 15 years," said Louisville-Standiford ATCT (SDF) FacRep Craig Oldis. "In total, SDF did over 9,500 operations, which is more than double what the facility would normally do during the same period on a normal week." Louisville Bowman Field ATCT (LOU) worked 1,500 operations. Satellite airports were very busy, including Clark County Regional Airport (JVY) that is untowered on the Sunday after the Saturday Derby.

Additionally, two weeks prior to the race, the Kentucky Derby Festival includes an air show called "Thunder Over Louisville." It takes place roughly five miles north of SDF over the Ohio River. "This makes it a complex operation because we still remain open and running," Oldis said. "This year's air show was larger than normal because it is the 75th anniversary of the Air Force."



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NATCA Staff Spotlight: Senior Social Media Representative Meagan Roper

We have an amazing

National Office staff that our membership can be very proud of. Senior Social Media Representative Meagan Roper came to NATCA from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration in 2017. Meagan celebrated her five-year anniversary on June 14. Meagan serves as Secretary of the



National Office staff union, Organized NATCA Employees Union (ONEU), and also served on the most recently negotiated NATCA-ONEU Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) contract team.

Meagan is responsible for leading and executing NATCA's social and digital media strategies and tactics across platforms to advance the Union's outreach, public policy, and membership and event marketing goals. "I remain in awe of the unique and exceptional set of skills required of aviation safety professionals who keep the nation's skies safe," Meagan said. "I'm even more in awe of the fact that I personally know, laugh, work, and fight alongside members of this astounding profession and great Union."

Read more [here](#). | **PHOTO:** Meagan Roper

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