



Ascending Professional Peaks: Denver Hosts NATCA's PS Training

NATCA held a three-day training session for its Professional Standards (PS) Committee members at Denver TRACON (D01), from Feb. 6-8. The training was a blend of refresher participation from previously trained members and an induction of new volunteers, all dedicated to upholding NATCA's commitment to the importance of professionalism and the power of peer-to-peer discussion.

Eric Mauro (Merrill ATCT, MRI) emphasized the broad applicability of the skills acquired during the training.

"Professional Standards training provides not only helpful communication skills for the workplace but also skills to help us succeed in our day-to-day interactions with friends and family," Mauro said.



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"Professional Standards training is the best NATCA class I have attended during my eighteen-year career," said Sarah Wiza (Omaha TRACON, Y90). "It was inspiring to be with such an amazing group of leaders, both instructors and fellow controllers alike. Professional Standards has made me feel empowered. I know that I will be able to help make real positive change at my facility."

The training was led by a team of PS instructors, including Lydia Baune from Spokane Tower (GEG), Patrick Carter from Dallas/Fort Worth TRACON (D10), and Chris Keyes from Washington Center (ZDC). Participants included a wide array of NATCA members from across the National Airspace System.

This training underscores NATCA's ongoing commitment to professional development and excellence, ensuring its members are equipped with the necessary skills to navigate both workplace challenges and personal interactions with integrity and effectiveness.

Newark ATCT NATCA Member Talks with U.S. Rep. Rob Menendez

Newark ATCT (EWR) member Giuseppe "Joe" DePinto represented our Union at a reception hosted by U.S. Rep. Rob Menendez (N.J.-8) in Jersey City, N.J., on Jan. 26. Other notable guests in attendance included former New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevey and other local

elected officials.

Menendez highlighted the funding initiatives for the Gateway Project, emphasizing its significance for improving cross-Hudson transit for commuters, including air traffic controllers. DePinto conveyed NATCA's concerns regarding repetitive continuing resolutions (CRs) and staffing issues and receiving assurance from Menendez on resolving these challenges.

“I got the chance to personally speak with Rep. Menendez,” DePinto said. “I thanked him again for his support and work and expressed concern over the repetitiveness of the CRs and temporary spending bills.”



Learn more about NATCA's legislative activism, opportunities to get involved, and NATCA's efforts from your [National Legislative Committee](#).

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Welcome to NATCA's newest members! Let's give a warm welcome to these sisters and brothers joining our NATCA family! We encourage NATCA members to reach out to these new members in their facilities to share your experiences and help integrate them into our Union activities. Your guidance is invaluable in fostering our new members' growth and involvement. Together, we can ensure our members are well-informed and ready to advance our commitment to safety and advocacy in the skies. In the spirit of solidarity, here's to strengthening our union with fresh perspectives and energy.



Alaskan Region

Chelsea Greene - FS1 (Flight Services (NAATS) - ENA Local, FS1)
Keaton Hicks (Anchorage Center, ZAN)

Central Region

Stephen McLeod (Kansas City Center, ZKC)

Eastern Region

Elyse Benavides (Westchester ATCT, HPN)
Daniel Chappel (Westchester ATCT, HPN)
John Markham (Westchester ATCT, HPN)
Dallas Parker (Westchester ATCT, HPN)
Abraham Alcazar (New York Center, ZNY)
Anthony Italiano (New York Center, ZNY)
John Krause (New York Center, ZNY)
Drew Plott (New York Center, ZNY)
Bryan Rawlings (New York Center, ZNY)
Jordan Shaffer (New York Center,

Region X

Renee Carter (FAA HQ Staff, EHQ)
Susan Freericks (FAA HQ Staff, EHQ)
Tracey Pritchett (FAA HQ Staff, EHQ)

Southern Region

Ivan Sanchez (Aguadilla ATCT, BQN)
Ramon DeJesus (Aguadilla ATCT, BQN)
Scott Fansler (New Smyrna Beach ATCT, EVB)
Gary Hicks (New Smyrna Beach ATCT, EVB)
Devon Moses (Gulf Shores FCT, JKA)
Albert Martinez (Tamiami ATCT, TMB)
Michael Gooch (Miami Center, ZMA)
Brooks Graddy (Miami Center, ZMA)
Jonathan Gunter (Miami Center, ZMA)
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Shea Crist (Memphis Center, ZME)
Corbin Jones (Memphis Center, ZME)
Malik Lindsey (Memphis Center, ZME)
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ZNY)

Great Lakes Region

Tyler Lippiatt (Cuyahoga County FCT, CGF)

Blake Conley (Champaign ATCT, CMI)

Brittany Jelenc (Champaign ATCT, CMI)

Jacob Alldredge (Grand Rapids ATCT, GRR)

Daniel Price (Chicago Center, ZAU)

Clayton Austreng (Indianapolis Center, ZID)

Bryan Panasuk (Engineer/New England Region, ENE)

Mitchell Gagliardi
(Engineer/Northwest Mountain Region, ENM)

Linda Hennequant
(Engineer/Southern Region, ESO)

Roy Ambrose (Engineer/Western-Pacific Region, EWP)

Armando Dominguez
(Engineer/Western-Pacific Region, EWP)

Joanne Manson (Engineer/Western-Pacific Region, EWP)

Nicholas Ackerman (Fargo ATCT, FAR)

Tyler Nicklin (Fargo ATCT, FAR)

Trevor Teal (Willow Run ATCT, YIP)

William Daley (Chicago Center, ZAU)

Rowan Fraim (Chicago Center, ZAU)

Northwest Mountain Region

Austin Mooney - ZDV (Denver Center, ZDV)

Michael Ochoa (Denver Center, ZDV)

Dinh Truong (Salt Lake City Center, ZLC)

ZME)

Shar-Vonne Burrus-Jukes (Atlanta Center, ZTL)

Dustin Dalley (Atlanta Center, ZTL)

Elijah Ivory (Atlanta Center, ZTL)

Southwest Region

Dawson Gunnell (Fort Smith ATCT, FSM)

Samuel Tabiando (Fort Smith ATCT, FSM)

Camden Patton (Lubbock ATCT, LBB)

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Joshua Cruse (Waco ATCT, ACT)

Ethan Daly (Houston Center, ZHU)

Steven Gonzales (Houston Center, ZHU)

Daniel Wolfe (Houston Center, ZHU)

Western Pacific Region

Erick Diaz (Hawthorne (CA) ATCT, HHR)

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Phillip Schmidt (Palm Springs ATCT, PSP)

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