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VAN NUYS AIRPORT HOSTS SUCCESSFUL SAFETY AND SECURITY STAND-DOWN

Major tenants work collaboratively with local law enforcement to implement best practices and cultivate a culture of safety at the nation's leading business airport.

(Van Nuys, Calif. – March 8, 2016) Nearly 50 representatives of major aviation tenants, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and local law enforcement participated in a successful safety and security stand-down co-hosted by Van Nuys Airport (VNY) and the Van Nuys Airport Association (VNAA) on Feb. 29, 2016.

Held at Aeroplex/Aerolease Group and moderated by consultant Jeffrey C. Price of Leading Edge Strategies, the half-day training session helped advance the airport community's mission of preventing vehicle pedestrian deviations (V/PDs) and runway incursions at VNY. Presentations focused on creating a stronger culture of safety, preventing unauthorized access and deterring criminal activity at the leading general aviation airport.

Participants included VNY Airport Manager Jess Romo, LAWA Chief of Airport Police David Maggard, VNY Police Sergeant Darren Gilbert, LAPD West Valley Division Senior Lead Officer Esteban Olivares and Jim Dantona, chief of staff for Councilwoman Nury Martinez. Representatives of VNY Airport Operations and the Federal Aviation Administration also attended.

"It is the responsibility of the entire airport community to provide a safe and secure operating environment," said VNAA President Curt Castagna. "We are working in collaboration with airport stakeholders and local law enforcement to implement specific initiatives and best practices to enhance overall safety and security."

The premier of a new V/PD prevention video created to increase situational awareness for persons accessing the airport highlighted the event. This training tool urges all airport tenants, operators, users and visitors to comply with the rules outlined in VNY's "Don't Cross the Red Line" V/PD prevention program:

1. Do not cross the red leasehold line without a permit (MVOP) or proper escort.
2. Do not leave visitors unattended.
3. After entering an access gate, wait for it to close completely before proceeding.
4. Do not allow vehicles or pedestrians to piggyback through any access gate.
5. When in doubt, stop and call Airport Operations at (818) 442-6506.

“We encourage all tenants to remain engaged and vigilante in these ongoing efforts,” Castagna said. “Together, we can work to cultivate a stronger culture of safety and security among the airport community and visiting public.”

About the Van Nuys Airport Association (VNAA)

Founded in 1982, the VNAA is a non-profit tenant membership organization dedicated to protecting jobs and businesses at Van Nuys Airport. The organization implements strategic efforts to promote aviation, foster economic development, and build community and educational partnerships. It serves as a strong and credible voice for the more than 100 businesses and 5,800 employees who call Van Nuys Airport home. For more information, visit www.thevnaa.org or call (855) 359-1869.

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