



# **City of Naples Airport Authority Noise Compatibility Committee 2014 Annual Report**

A report to the Naples Airport Authority Board and community  
on the Noise Compatibility Committee's  
initiatives and accomplishments during Fiscal Year 2014.

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Honorable Chairman and Board of Commissioners, Naples Airport Authority:

I am pleased to present this summary of the Noise Compatibility Committee's achievements during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

We continue to focus much of our resources on educating pilots and airport users about existing guidelines that mitigate aircraft sound effectively. Measures such as using the full runway length for takeoffs and landings, observing recommended departure and approach procedures, adhering to preferred flight paths and using idle reverse thrust lessen noise with the added benefit of time and fuel savings.

The committee has proposed and is implementing a program for publicly recognizing pilots and aircraft owners who take noise abatement seriously and operate as good neighbors.

We've also worked diligently to communicate with other airport stakeholders. A presentation about the airport's noise program during the February Airport Board meeting attracted many concerned parties who benefited from and appreciated the information presented, which included our history and future progress.

The committee continues to do its best to keep Naples Municipal Airport a considerate neighbor. We always seek venues for sharing the facts and welcome the opportunity to address community associations, civic clubs and other groups. We maintain our outreach program, contacting those individuals who have registered noise comments. It is our ongoing goal to educate our community about the benefits of the airport.

I am privileged to work with a group of accomplished professionals who voluntarily serve on the Noise Compatibility Committee. Each of them takes the committee's responsibilities seriously and represents our community well.

I must recognize the efforts of the Naples Airport Authority staff who give us their time, resources and knowledge. They allow our committee to go forward and meet our goals.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Richard Mellon, J.D., Chair  
Noise Compatibility Committee

## 2014 Accomplishments

The NCC continued the implementation of the “Please Fly Safe Fly Quiet” campaign, launched during spring 2012 and developed new strategies for improving noise abatement at Naples Municipal Airport.

→ The Please Fly Safe Fly Quiet graphic is on display throughout the airfield and terminal. Messages on fence signage, fuel trucks, utility vehicles, window clings, bumper stickers and the blast fences at either end of the main runway are eye-catching reminders for not only pilots, but also passengers and aircraft owners – important audiences for this effort.



→ Through a partnership with Paradise Coast TV, a Fly Safe Fly Quiet promotional video is being shown on monitors in the General Aviation Terminal, interspersed with programming about the Paradise Coast.

→ The committee and staff are working to educate those shopping for homes in the community about the airport’s location and proximity to residential areas. Realtors are being encouraged to share this information with their clients, and Tips for Homebuyers & Realtors have been added to the airport’s website.

→ In November 2013, the Florida Airports Council honored Naples Municipal Airport with its annual Community Affairs Award honoring successful efforts to increase awareness of the airport and strengthen its position as a good corporate citizen and neighbor. The award recognized increased communication with airport users, residents and the aviation community; website enhancements; a subscription service to update stakeholders via email; the production of annual reports; and monthly summaries of airport activity, significant events and upcoming meetings distributed to Naples City Councilors, members of the city and county Presidents’ Councils and others. The award, presented by the Florida Airports Council’s Noise Abatement & Community Affairs Committee, also recognized the airport’s noise consultant, Harris Miller Miller & Hanson and its public relations counsel, Gravina, Smith, Matte & Arnold Marketing and Public Relations.

→ Between 98 to 99 percent of airport operations are in compliance with the recommended 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. aircraft curfew, and three-quarters of noncompliant operations occurred between 10 p.m. and midnight and from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. Public service aircraft, including air ambulance, mosquito control, law enforcement and other exempt operators, account for 12 percent of the total operations during curfew hours.

### About the Noise Compatibility Committee

In 1997, the Noise Compatibility Committee was established by the Naples Airport Authority's Board of Commissioners. This Committee's nine members meet regularly to review the airport noise-abatement program and make appropriate recommendations to airport staff and the Airport Authority. All Committee members are local residents who volunteer their time and expertise to help maintain a high quality of life in Naples. Committee members and airport staff are available to give presentations and answer any aircraft noise-related questions.

### The City of Naples Airport Authority 2014 Board of Commissioners

John Allen, Chairman • Cormac Giblin, Vice Chairman  
Dick Evans • John Nocera, Liaison to the Noise Compatibility Committee • James Rideoutte

### Noise Compatibility Committee

<u>Role</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Chair	M. Richard Mellon	Northeast Quadrant
Vice Chair	Scottie Yeager	City at Large
Member	William Cox	County at Large
Member	William Barnett	City Council
Member	Robert Erbstein	Northwest Quadrant
Member	Ernest Linneman	Southwest Quadrant
Member	William Goddard	Southeast Quadrant
Member	William T. Hummel	Active General Aviation Pilot
Member	Robert Tweedie	Collier County Commission

Thanks to those committee members who left the committee during 2014:  
Richard Evans was appointed to the City of Naples Airport Authority Board of Commissioners in November 2013, and William Barnett and William Hummel resigned in September.

### The entire staff of the Naples Airport Authority, including

Theodore D. Soliday, Executive Director • Sheila A. Dugan, Deputy Executive Director  
Ryan Frost, Director of Airport Operations • Raul Estrada, Operations Manager  
Jack Tuers, Operations Coordinator  
Sue Hart, Administrative Assistant-Administration • Pam Rinehart, Administrative Assistant-Operations

We also thank many other airport noise-abatement stakeholders who contributed to the achievements summarized in this report, including pilots, fixed-base operators, the FAA and Naples Municipal Airport air traffic control staffs, local citizens, elected and appointed local government officials and others.

### Noise Compatibility Committee Chairs (\* Denotes Partial Year)

1997 Sam Cannato	2003 William MacIrvine	2009 Gene Schmidt
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1999 Richard Matheis	2005 Byron Meade	2010 William Konn *
2000 Tom Ryan	2006 Byron Meade	2011 Robert Tweedie
2001 Steve Kingston	2007 James MacArthur	2012 Scottie Yeager
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