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Airport Receives FAA Safety Award

The Springfield-Branson National Airport has received the Airport Safety Enhancement Award from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Airport staff received the award Tuesday, September 27, at the annual Airports Conference in Kansas City. The airport earned the award by having a perfect score for three consecutive years during the FAA's annual safety inspection.

"Getting a perfect score on the annual inspection is a huge accomplishment in itself," says Brian Weiler, the airport's director of aviation. "Getting a perfect score three years in a row is testament to the hard work and dedication of airport staff. They make our customers' safety priority one every day."

During the inspections, the FAA checks the airport's compliance with federal safety rules. Among other things, it reviews runway pavement condition, airfield marking and lighting, the airport emergency plan, the readiness of the airport fire department, and snow and ice removal procedures.

The airport also received the Safety Enhancement Award in 2001 and 2008.

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