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CIAA HOSTS AIRPORT OPERATIONS COURSE 2013

The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA) hosted an Airport Operations Training Course in October to provide its employees with the familiarization of the scope and requirements of airport operations with emphasis on airside operational safety.

Delivered in the classroom by an experienced airside safety and operations professional, the training course was very well received by CIAA staff and two visiting delegates from the Turks & Caicos Islands Airports Authority, Roy Martinez and Jamin Adams. Course instructor, Mark Turner of MJ Airport Associates, possesses International Civil Aviation Organization-accredited trainer and assessor qualifications and has delivered training on behalf of several internationally-renowned aviation training organisations to airside staff at nearly all of the UK's commercial aerodromes, including Heathrow, and throughout Europe and Central America.

According to Mr. Turner, "The aim of the training programme was to enhance delegates' knowledge and understanding of key airside safety and operations topics. Topics included, but were not restricted to: regulatory compliance requirements, scope of airport operations, apron safety initiatives, aerodrome safety inspections, runway incursion awareness and aerodrome incident & accident reporting. The last day of the seven-day programme also covered the technical discipline of re-declaring runway distances, potentially enabling the aerodrome to allow safe operations on a runway temporarily reduced in length due to an obstacle.

After delivering the seven-day Airside Safety and Operations training course, MJ Airport Associates delivered two half-day Aircraft Marshaller training courses to the CIAA's operations staff and to representatives from a number of airline and ground-handling staff based at Owen Roberts International Airport.



The training course content focused on the implementation of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), state regulatory compliance and industry best-practice.

Acting CEO of the Airports Authority, Mr. Kerith McCoy expressed his appreciation to Mr. Turner as well as the delegates, “Ensuring that our staff are well-trained in their respective areas of responsibility is a key requirement at the CIAA. This course is held annually to provide the operational staff with the necessary training to enable a proactive safety culture in preventing operational and safety deficiencies and provide the necessary skills to correctly respond to incidents, should they occur. The CIAA was most pleased to have the participation of regional and local airport partners this year and this speaks to the confidence being placed in the efforts of the CIAA in advancing aerodrome operational safety”.

Photo captions:

Certificates were presented by Course Facilitator Mark Turner and the CIAA’s Acting CEO, Kerith McCoy to delegates Simon Rivers (CIAA delegate); Roy Martinez and Jamin Adams from Turks & Caicos Islands Airports Authority; and other CIAA delegates Eimer Powery, Robert Harris, Miguel Martin, Howard Tomlinson, Bianca Moore-Downey, Tashiana Gonzalez and Armando Ebanks.

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