

RISK INSIGHTS

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2021 | THE YEAR OF SECURITY CULTURE

“Security is everyone’s responsibility”

The JCAA joins ICAO as we recognise 2021 as the year of security culture.

We examine the “Evolution of the security threats to civil aviation “

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*Security is not my responsibility....
Are you sure?*

Do you lock your gate at night? Do you have grill on your windows and doors? Do you have an alarm on your car? Do you tell your children not to open the doors to strangers? Do you have a dog for security? Are you aware of your surroundings when you are entering and exiting your home? Do you secure your handbag under your arm for extra security? Why do you implement any combination of those personal security regimes...because you know the threat of an armed robbery, theft, assault, kidnapping is probable. You have, therefore, adopted a security regime as part of your

security culture.

Just as we adopt security regimes as individuals, we must also adopt a security culture as a member of the JCAA Team. Why?

Let us not forget that 4 Winchester Road is not just our Corporate Head Office. It is also a vital air navigation facility that enables critical air navigation services.

It accommodates infrastructure that, among other things, under normal circumstances, safely supports an average of just under 400 aircraft movements per day within Jamaica's airspace.

THREATS TO AVIATION

The threat to the aviation industry can present itself in several ways, and to remind us of the myriad threats, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has dedicated the Year 2021 as the Year of Security Culture. This year, the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 will also provide a good opportunity for reflection on how aviation security has evolved and strengthened over the years. We will refocus on the threats to the aviation industry. This means more than just acts of terrorism, such as hijacking and aircraft bombings.

The considerations must also include border

security threats - transnational crimes like narco-trafficking, human-trafficking, arms-trafficking and the trafficking of animals, cyber-crimes and insider threats. Unfortunately, for our industry, many may take the stance that security is the responsibility of the security guard, security manager, or that aviation security is a term to be associated with the inconveniences of passing through a screening checkpoint to board a flight. Some may hold the sentiment that "Jamaica don't have terrorists so why all this fuss about security?" Are you sure we have no terrorist? Is terrorism the only threat we need to consider? In the last edition of JCAA's Risk Insight Newsletter we were reminded of the impact of the lightning strike to our people, infrastructure and the aviation community. Would an act of sabotage have the same effect?

VULNERABILITIES AT HEADQUARTERS

Just a few weeks ago on May 10, 2021, there was a running gun battle between police and armed assailants one block from our Corporate Headquarters and Air Navigation Facility. One armed assailant managed to escape in the crossfire. What would have happened if in navigating his escape he ended up at 4 Winchester?

We are not at the airport, why the need to build an effective security

apparatus and supporting culture? Why can't we "kotch" the grill so that we do not have to swipe access to get in? Why, if I have left my JCAA ID card at home, can't my co-worker just let me in? Why must I escort a visitor, can't they just find their way? A key air navigation facility is within our midst. This facility is a critical enabler for the provision of safe air navigation services, normally generating billions in direct income and supporting Jamaica's vital tourism industry and the wider economy for more indirect impact. We cannot therefore, afford a lacklustre security culture. There is a probable threat against our aviation industry. Let us do our part. Just as we adopt a personal security regime in our daily lives to deter and detect any criminal activity, we must all take a similar, deliberate stance to deter and detect any unlawful activities which may interfere with civil aviation.

As a contributing team member within the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority which has overall responsibility for providing air navigation services and regulatory oversight to the aviation industry I encourage you, no, I challenge you to adopt a Security Culture and to be active in it, as we lead the aviation industry in this Year of Security Culture. This year, if you are not already, we would like for you to become an active member of the JCAA security community. Team Members across the Authority...Finance, Human Resource, Office Management, Economic Regulation, Property Management, Air Traffic Management or Flight Safety.

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