

## **New York Aviation Management Association and TSA/UNY Hold Aviation Conference**

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On May 8, 2018, airport managers and federal security directors gathered in Syracuse for the TSA/UNY-NYAMA Aviation Conference and Roundtable. The event, hosted by Christina R. Callahan, C.M., A.S.C., Executive Director of the Syracuse Hancock International Airport, provided a forum for both parties to discuss key aviation issues that affect New York state's airports.

The meeting was led by Bart R. Johnson, TSA Federal Security Director for upstate airports, and Lee Weitz, NYAMA President and Deputy Director of Aviation at the Buffalo Niagara International Airport. Invited speakers included Johnson and Weitz, as well as other New York FSDs in New York. Topics that were addressed included updates from each host, Advanced Threat Local Allocation Strategy (ATLAS), Enhanced Accessible Property Screening (EAPS), Outcome Focused Compliance (OFC), and FBI net and resources. There was also a roundtable session that provided attendees the opportunity to discuss important issues with professional counterparts.

NYAMA President, Lee Weitz, said, "I want to thank New York State Federal Security Director Bart Johnson for allowing NYAMA to co-host the TSA/UNY-NYAMA Aviation Roundtable. TSA representatives shared information on a number of pertinent topics including their summer action plan and enhanced accessible property screening procedures. The conference was very beneficial to all of the NYAMA members that attended."

The New York Aviation Management Association was founded in 1976 to harness and maximize the economic potential of New York's aviation industry. For the past 42 years, NYAMA has served as the voice of New York's aviation industry, promoting the benefits of airports to communities, the state, and the state's economy and advocating for the overall betterment of aviation. NYAMA has long been at the center of the state's aviation community, providing a forum for members to exchange information and ideas and to connect with industry leaders and experts, as well as with each other.

The 13,000 people represented by our members and affiliate members include airport managers and representatives from over 120 of the commercial and general aviation airports in the state. NYAMA's membership is comprised of representatives from across the aviation industry, including fixed base operators, aviation management consultants, higher education institutions, engineering firms, state government agencies, equipment manufacturers, and suppliers.