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From: Dietrich, Ross
Sent: Tue, 18 Feb 2025 16:29:51 +0000
To: Matesic, Hannah (OST)
Subject: ATC issue

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Hannah, do you have a minute to chat about a FAA ATC issue?

We had a management program analyst who staffed the Fort Pierce airport, and the Vero Beach airport, terminated on Friday night at 11:xx pm.

What's problematic is that she took care of Air Traffic Controllers Medical Clearances, Time and Attendance, training etc. She was also trained on Staffing Workbook, purchasing for the government and many other support duties that ATC needs.

Given she was on a probationary hiring status, she received the following in her email:
"DOT FAA finds, that based on your performance you have not demonstrated that your further employment at the DOT FAA would be in the public interest. For this reason, the DOT FAA is removing you from your position with DOT FAA and the federal civil service effective today"

Just curious, how are these employees being evaluated, because our ATCs in the district said this person only had stellar performance reviews and did a job critical to their operations.

Thanks,
Ross

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From: Pinkerton, Sharon
Sent: Thu, 20 Mar 2025 00:23:33 +0000
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Subject: ATC Modernization Communications

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Subject: ATC Modernization Communications

All--

This morning, Secretary Duffy appeared on *Fox & Friends* and said that the DOT will announce a "brand new" air traffic control system in the "next couple of days." He added, "Our system is 25–30 years old, We use copper wires, floppy disks. It's atrocious, the system we use. It's safe, but we are seeing the cracks of age. So, we are going to build a brand new state-of-the-art system." You can watch the full clip of Secretary Duffy's remarks [here](#).

A4A subsequently amplified tweets posted by Fox & Friends, Secretary Duffy and the White House Deputy Press Secretary (see below). We are geotargeting the White House, DOT and Capitol Hill. Additionally, we are working through consultants to ensure that conservative influencers are supporting and segmenting the Secretary's efforts on social media.

We will be running ads in a special infrastructure edition of the Washington Times next week, which will show a stack of floppy disks and say, "The days of floppy disks must end". The ads also call on Congress to move quickly to approve emergency funding for ATC. The ads will be shared on social media and will geotarget key locations and audiences. You'll see a picture of the ad below.

Nick

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Thank you @SecDuffy for your dedication to modernizing our air traffic control systems! It's no secret we need to replace the antiquated technology that runs our ATC system, and we appreciate @POTUS leadership and @USDOT urgently working to get this done.



FOX & Friends ✓ @foxandfriends · 4h

TOP TECH: @SecDuffy on the administration's push to boost air travel safety!



11:24 AM · Mar 19, 2025 · 558 Views



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Thanks @SecDuffy @POTUS for your leadership! We agree—the days of floppy disks must end! NOW is the time to modernize ATC. “We are going to have a brand-new system. Our system is 25–30 years old. We use copper wires, floppy disks. It’s safe, but we’re seeing the cracks of age.”



Secretary Sean Duffy @SecDuffy · 2h

We’re seeing the cracks of age in our air traffic control system. That’s why we’re going to go from copper wires to fiber, add new terminals for controllers, and give them sensors on runways to see better.

@USDOT is working with the best to get this revamp done in record ...
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We agree—the days of paper strips and floppy disks must end! Thanks @POTUS @SecDuffy for working swiftly to modernize our air traffic control system and to prioritize aviation safety.



Kush Desai @KushDesai47 · 3h

Most people haven’t even seen a floppy disk in real life in 20+ years but it’s still a critical piece of tech for our air traffic control systems.

A complete overhaul is vastly overdue, and @SecDuffy is delivering.
x.com/rapidresponse4...

11:32 AM · Mar 19, 2025 · 284 Views

THE FUTURE OF FLIGHT IS NOT FLOPPY DISKS



The days of floppy disks must end!

Congress should act with urgency to approve emergency funding to modernize our air traffic control system.

Learn more at airlines.org



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For all who fly — it is reassuring to see @SecDuffy leading right out of the gate on air travel safety. I boarded my flight to NY today knowing I am in good hands. What a change from the last four years!



Mehek Cookeus (@MehekCooke)
x.com

The difference is striking. @SecDuffy already excelling where @PeteButtigieg failed. He has the plan to upgrade air traffic control in place, announcement in days. Congress should lead with him on this.



Ken Blackwell (@kenblackwell)
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Outstanding. @SecDuffy wasting no time – he notes speed is essential – in upgrading our air traffic control system.



Steve Forbes (@SteveForbesCEO)
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From: LaRotonda, Nick (OST)
Sent: Wed, 7 May 2025 22:23:26 +0000
To: spinkerton; ncalio airlines.org
Subject: ATC Run of Show
Attachments: ATC Run of Show.pdf

Please see attached run of show. Thank you for all of your help!

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U.S. Department of Transportation
Air Traffic Control Press Conference

Thursday, May 8th, 2025, 1:30 PM

Run of Show

- 1:30 pm Secretary Sean Duffy
- 1:45 pm Chris Rocheleau (FAA Acting Administrator)
- 1:50 pm Senator Ted Cruz
- 1:55 pm Congressman Sam Graves
- 2:00 pm Nick Calio (President and CEO of A4A)
- 2:05 pm Airline CEOs
Scott Kirby (United)
Robert Isom (American Airlines)
Ed Bastian (Delta)
Joanna Geraghty (JetBlue)
Bob Jordan (Southwest)
- 2:15 pm Modern Skies Coalition Leadership
Jason Ambrosi (Air Line Pilots Association, International)
Robin Hayes (Airbus)
Darren Pleasance (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association)
Todd Hauptli (American Association of Airport Executives)
Jim Viola (General Aviation Manufacturers Association)
Dean Iacopelli (National Air Traffic Controllers Association)
Ed Bolen (National Business Aviation Association)
Faye Malarkey Black (Regional Airline Association)
Chris Raymond (The Boeing Company)
- 2:35 pm Event Concludes