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### **Virginia Department of Aviation Temporarily Suspends Aviation Ambassadors Awards**

RICHMOND, VA – The Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) is proud of the 137 participants who have completed the Aviation Ambassador program. However, due to low aviation revenue collections, DOAV announces that it will have to temporarily suspend the recognition awards until further notice. DOAV encourages the aviation community and general public to continue flying and visiting Virginia's airports.

The highly successful Virginia Aviation Ambassadors Program was established in 2005 to encourage pilots and the general public to visit Virginia's 66 public use airports, attend pilot safety seminars, and visit aviation related museums. At each location or event, participants receive a stamp in an Aviation Passport.

Everyone is encouraged to continue enjoying the program and collecting passport stamps available at each Virginia airport and aviation museum. DOAV will continue to verify passports and recognize participants. When funding becomes available, the agency hopes to resume providing awards to those who complete the program.

Participants are encouraged to visit the Virginia Department of Aviation's website: [www.doav.virginia.gov](http://www.doav.virginia.gov) to receive the latest information regarding the status of the program.

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