

Service Area Plan

Department of Aviation

General Aviation Personnel Development (65503)

Service Area Background Information

Service Area Description

The General Aviation Personnel Development Service Area administers the Commonwealth's Aviation Safety Program for the pilots and general public of Virginia.

Service Area Alignment to Mission

This service area aligns with the Department's mission, which is to:

- cultivate an advanced, market driven aviation system that is safe, secure and provides for economic development;
- promote aviation awareness and education; and
- provide executive flight services for the Commonwealth Leadership.

Service Area Statutory Authority

Section 5.1-1.5 and 5.1-1.6 of the Code of Virginia specify the powers of the Department of Aviation. The Department is responsible for administering the provisions of Chapters 1, 3, 5, and 8.1 of the Code; planning for the development of a state aviation system; promoting aviation in the Commonwealth in the interest of the public; licensing aircraft, airports and landing areas; and providing assistance to cities, towns, counties and other governmental subdivisions for the planning, development, construction and operation of airports, landing fields and other aviation facilities.

Service Area Customer Base

Customer(s)	Served	Potential
Aircraft Pilots	800	19,000

Anticipated Changes In Service Area Customer Base

No changes are anticipated to the customer base of this service area.

Service Area Partners

Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA)

We partner with AOPA for the Fall safety seminar series.

Service Area Partners

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

We partner with the FAA on all safety seminars and "Wings Weekends."

Service Area Products and Services

- Sponsor Virginia Aviation Safety Week, enlisting aviation safety experts to speak at pilot safety seminars at different locations throughout the Commonwealth.
- Analyze aircraft accidents within the Commonwealth, along with safety trends, and report findings to the Virginia Aviation Board.
- Sponsor "Wings Weekends", providing pilots an opportunity to receive recurrent training from flight instructors.

Factors Impacting Service Area Products and Services

Availability of funds and level of pilot interest impact the services of this service area.

Anticipated Changes To Service Area Products and Services

No changes are anticipated to the products and/or services of this service area.

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Service Area Financial Summary

This service area is supported by the Aviation Special Fund. The Aviation Special Fund derives its resources from aircraft sales and use tax, aviation fuels tax, charges for client use of agency executive aircraft, and miscellaneous sources such as aircraft and airport license fees.

	<u>Fiscal Year 2007</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 2008</u>	
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund
Base Budget	\$0	\$26,400	\$0	\$26,400
Changes To Base	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SERVICE AREA TOTAL	\$0	\$26,400	\$0	\$26,400

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Service Area Objectives, Measures, and Strategies

Objective 65503.01

Increase safety awareness among Virginia pilots to create a safer aviation environment in the Commonwealth

The General Aviation Personnel Development Service Area strives to increase safety awareness within the pilot community through a series of safety seminars each year. Through increased safety awareness, the Department hopes to reduce the number of accidents/incidents caused by "pilot error."

This Objective Supports the Following Agency Goals:

- Products - To identify the Commonwealth's aviation needs and deliver those products and services in a timely manner.

This Objective Has The Following Measure(s):

- Measure 65503.01.01

Number of aviation safety events sponsored by the Department.

Measure Type: Outcome Measure Frequency: Annually

Measure Baseline: 9 events (FY 2005)

Measure Target: 9 events

Measure Source and Calculation:

Sponsored events are recorded by the Department of Aviation

Objective 65503.01 Has the Following Strategies:

- Increase number of attendees at aviation safety events.
- Sponsor pilot safety seminars.