

# AIRPORT MEMO

To: Chester County Area Airport Authority (CCAAA) Members

From: Gary L. Hudson, Airport Manager

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Subject: Airport Hot Topics

For your review, below is a listing of issues affecting the Chester County/G.O. Carlson Airport (MQS).

## NEW BUSINESS

**Department of Conservation and Natural Resources:** On January 28<sup>th</sup>, I granted (upon receiving a Letter of Request) the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – PA Bureau of Forestry, approval to use MQS to support their mission in the suppression of wildfires during the Pennsylvania fire season (spring and fall), when there are no leaves on trees . MQS would be utilized for reloading water into National Guard air tanker aircraft dispatched from the Hazelton Municipal Airport.

**Western Chester County Council of Governments (WCCCOG):** On January 28<sup>th</sup>, I attended a WCCCOG meeting. The WCCCOG is an organization that consists of elected officials from the city of Coatesville and 12 surrounding municipalities. Due to the fact that the airport maintenance crew is in dire need of a slope mower, in order to improve the efficiency of the grass cutting program, I attended this meeting, to see if any of the municipalities had a slope mower and would be willing to loan that piece of equipment to the CCAAA. Unfortunately, none of the municipalities that attended that meeting, had that type of equipment in their inventory.

**Terminal Building Bathroom:** On February 5<sup>th</sup>, the floor tiles in the Men's Bathroom were cleaned and sealed.

**Airport 5010 (State) Inspection:** On February 24<sup>th</sup>, MQS's annual 5010 Inspection was conducted by PENNDOT-BOA Aviation Specialist Chuck Brewer. Mr. Brewer found the airport to be well maintained and in conformance with Pennsylvania Aviation Regulations. On February 25<sup>th</sup>, a follow-up letter was sent to the CCAAA by the BOA, explaining the results of the inspection.

**Terminal Building Common Area:** On February 9<sup>th</sup>, all of the ceiling tiles in this area were replaced.

**Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI):** On February 9<sup>th</sup>, a bulb was replaced on the Runway 29 PAPI system.

**Ceiling Tiles Replaced:** On February 20<sup>th</sup>, all of the ceiling tiles were replaced in the: 1) Men's and Women's Bathrooms, 2) Airport Manager's office, and 3) the Pilots Lounge.

**Terminal Building Fire Alarm System:** On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2 fire alarm pull stations were relocated and 1 was installed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Snow Events:** To date, there have been a total of 14 Snow Events (snow plan activated) at MQS.

