



# PALMER *Alaska*

## WARREN “BUD” WOODS PALMER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT *Newsletter*

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### **Airport Advisory**

#### **Commission Calendar**

All meetings are at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month in the Palmer City Hall Council Chambers, 231 W. Evergreen Avenue.

- ❖ January 30, 2018
- ❖ February 22, 2018
- ❖ March 22, 2018
- ❖ April 26, 2018
- ❖ May 24, 2018
- ❖ June 21, 2018
- ❖ July 26, 2018
- ❖ August 23, 2018
- ❖ September 27, 2018
- ❖ October 25, 2018
- ❖ November 29, 2018
- ❖ December 27, 2018

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Your source for news at the Warren “Bud” Woods Palmer Municipal Airport.

### **What’s Happening?**

#### **Project Update: Rehabilitate Runway 16/34 & Related Improvements**

Construction was suspended for the year with only a few items remaining for spring time completion in 2018. The final Asphalt Surface Treatment will be applied to runway 10/28 in the spring with fresh markings to follow.

Additionally, the new helipad lights have arrived and weather permitting should be installed this winter completing the work on the new Helipad Apron. If you are interested in renting space on the new Helipad Apron or Large Aircraft Apron, please contact Frank Kelly, Airport Superintendent.



Photo: New Helipad under construction and waiting for in-pavement lighting to be installed

## New Airport Signs

The new Warren “Bud” Woods Palmer Municipal Airport entrance signs and the new Randy Thom Flight Service Center building sign were officially unveiled and dedicated on December 8<sup>th</sup> by a host of public officials, friends, family representatives, and airport users. Palmer Mayor Edna DeVries, Governor Bill Walker and State Representative DeLena Johnson were all on hand to say a few words to the many in attendance.



Photo: From Left...Noel Woods, Mayor Edna DeVries, Jean Woods, Chris Woods, Councilman Richard Best, Governor Bill Walker, Marilyn Thom, Kristy Bernier-Thom, Joey Bernier, Bob Thom



Photo: From Left...Mayor Edna DeVries, Representative DeLena Johnson, Kristy Bernier-Thom, Joey Bernier, Bob Thom, Marilyn Thom, Noel Woods, Jean Woods, Chris Woods, Councilman Richard Best

Photos: Noel Woods

## Operations Spot Light

### Alaska Flightline Logistics – A New Horizons Telecom Inc. Company

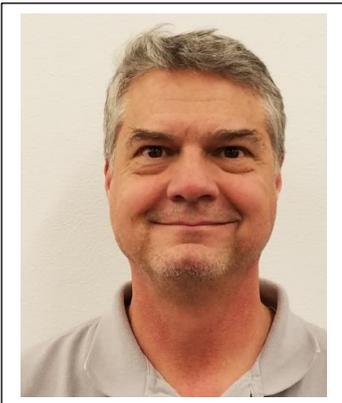
By John Lee, Principal



Alaska Flightline Logistics (AFL) serves a growing niche logistics market, supplying transient operators on the South Ramp of the Palmer Municipal Airport with everything they might need, but may not have on hand themselves during their visit to the airport. AFL is neither a Maintenance Center / Repair Station nor a conventional Fixed Base Operation (FBO). AFL serves based and visiting transient air operators with a host of customized, on-demand, support logistics services that are not convenient for transient aircraft operators to supply and maintain on their own. AFL operates completely on-demand and orders are all customer tailored and competitively priced.



AFL provides numerous services including: temporary and long term office space, short term hangar storage, tie downs with electricity, warm air deicing (including in-hangar deicing), as well as cargo management services and equipment rentals (trucks, passenger automobiles, boom trucks, forklifts, preheating equipment, tools, scales, etc.). AFL also provides cargo management services including shipping / receiving, weighing, packaging, indoor cargo storage and freight forwarding. All of these services are handled as rentals or background logistics augmenting the aircraft owner /operator's own maintenance and operation staffs. Drawing upon the resources of its parent company, New Horizons Telecom Inc., AFL has an impressive array of resources readily available on the South Ramp Flightline. All AFL resources and services are offered with complete customization to customer specific needs.

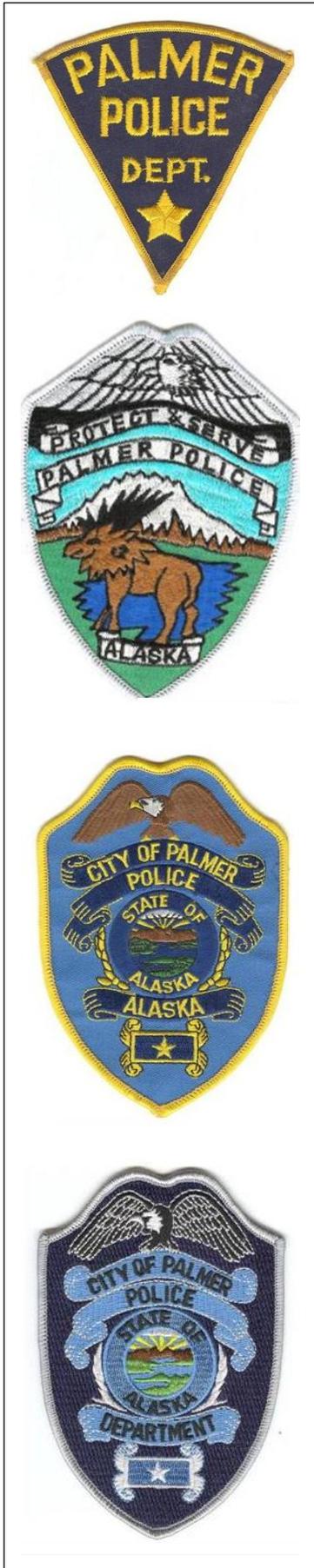


AFL serves both commercial operations and private aircraft owners and everything in between. Private owners often use our deicing and preheating services and we have supported several filming operations using multiple helicopters temporarily basing out of the Palmer Municipal Airport for the duration of their missions. Our hangar is frequently rented to support specific commercial objectives, most frequently helicopter maintenance operations.

Please contact Ed Berger, AFL Manager for all flightline service orders.

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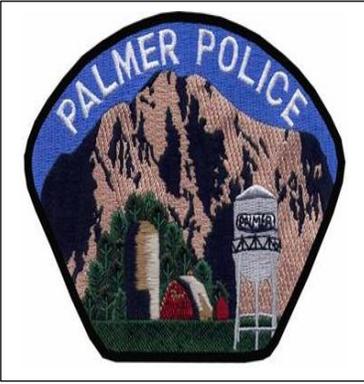
## Airport Watch Program

### Security Tips for Palmer Airport Tenants

By Lance Ketterling, Chief of Police, Palmer Police Department

Basic security for aircraft, vehicles, and structures located at the Warren “Bud” Woods Palmer Municipal Airport conforms to the same basic principles as anywhere else in town. By following some simple guidelines, aircraft and business owners can make their property less attractive for thieves or vandals. Please consider the following to help keep your valuable aircraft, vehicle, or business safe:

- Know the condition of your property and check it frequently. Recent thefts of aviation fuel at the Palmer Airport have illustrated that some aircraft owners had not visited their aircraft in weeks or even months. This creates significant investigative challenges when it comes to developing suspects and establishing criminal timelines.
- Ensure property, doors, windows, etc. are locked and fuel caps on aircraft are secured.
- More light and clear space around any given building, airplane, or vehicle makes them less attractive of a target for theft or damage. Consider supplemental lighting for your property.
- Keep high dollar items out of plain view, especially if they are easily accessed by kicking a door or breaking a window.
- Keep a list of serial numbers for big ticket items, electronics, firearms, etc. It helps greatly in establishing ownership. Avoid keeping firearms or expensive outdoor gear in your airplane.
- Consider video monitoring of your property. The best video evidence is able to capture license plates, facial features, or other distinguishing features of a suspect in good resolution day or night. Being able to retain the video for at least a week before it is recorded over is beneficial.
- Ensure aircraft tie down straps are secured correctly and check them frequently, especially after a high wind event.
- Get to know your Airport neighbors. The more you are aware of who, or what, belongs at the airport the better you will be able to recognize suspicious activity.
- Consider holding regular Airport Watch meetings. The Palmer Police Department will happily attend them and listen to your concerns, provide crime suppression tips, or inspect your property for security weaknesses.
- Build a security conscious culture at your business or team.
- Keep close track of your business’s financial activities and practice good cyber security.
- Report all suspicious activity **immediately**, even if you think it’s only a minor occurrence, by calling the Palmer Police Department at 745-4811 or 911. Simple contacts based on these kinds of calls solve criminal cases every day in Alaska. Remember, the Police want to help, so please don’t hesitate to call us.



It is important to remember that while recent criminal activity at the airport has primarily involved the theft of fuel, other types of crime can and do happen there, albeit infrequently. Criminal mischief, tampering with aircraft, theft of radios, electronics, and firearms, and white-collar embezzlement have all occurred at the Palmer Airport over the years. Interestingly, employee theft, especially that committed by bookkeepers, is by far the costliest in terms of dollars lost, though certainly not in terms of physical safety. By staying attuned to potential threats and reporting suspicious activity immediately, we can work together to make the airport a safer, more secure location.

As always, the Palmer Police Department will continue to provide a strong patrol presence at the airport and working together with our airport users, the airport will remain a safe and secure environment to operate from.

**Quick Tip:** The owner of a parked aircraft on a tie down at PAQ, may park a motor vehicle immediately adjacent to the aircraft to provide wind protection for high wind gusts above 25 nautical miles per hour. The vehicle can remain up to 48 after high winds cease.

## Safety Spotlight

### Secure Your Aircraft

High winds can result in damage to unsecured, or inadequately secured aircraft and cause thousands of dollars of damage. In extreme instances, aircraft can be damaged beyond repair. To avoid damage and costly repairs to your aircraft or your neighbors, here are a few tips to follow:

- Make sure to secure all flight controls. Flight controls should be locked or tied to prevent them banging against the stops causing damage. If internal gust locks are not fitted, use external control surface locks. Ensure that they have a red streamer or other means of reminding you to remove them before flight.
- All doors, windows and hatches should be closed properly. Engine and other openings should be covered to prevent entry of foreign matter.
- Fuel tanks can be topped off to provide more mass and added stability in wind gusts. In extreme cases, tires can be deflated to reduce the tendency of the aircraft to bounce.
- Secure your aircraft with the appropriately sized and type of tie down rope. In fact, use two, a primary and a secondary means of securing your aircraft to the tie down anchors. In this instance, two are better than one!
- The weakest link in the tiedown can be the knot that is tied or the attempt. There are numerous knots available, some well suited for securing an aircraft, some less. Refresh your knot tying skills, your aircraft will appreciate it and so will your neighbor. Some commonly used knots in aviation are: Sheetbend, Bowline, Single Figure Eight, Double Figure Eight, Round Turn and Two Half Hitches.

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