

**AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT TASK FORCE
ST. PETE-CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
(October 2019 & January 2020)**

Since the last report, the Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force (Task Force, NATF) met on two separate occasions (October 2, 2019 and January 15, 2020). The purpose of this report is to briefly outline initiatives taken by the Task Force and St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (Airport, PIE) to address public concerns regarding aircraft noise impacts on surrounding communities.

NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT

The *Noise Abatement Compliance Report* for the months of July – December 2019 was reviewed with the Task Force. The overall compliance rate reflected 92.35% daytime and 91.70% nighttime compliance.

The number of flights during the Voluntary Quiet Window (VQW) ranges between 4-15%. There were some scheduled operations during the VQW, between 5-8% of the flights. Some of the other reasons for flights during the VQW were flight delays, weather, mechanical, and ATCT mandated ground stops. Mr. Sprague stated he is reviewing scheduled arrivals outside of the VQW and working with the airlines' planning department to reduce the number of scheduled arrivals during the VQW in future months. Mr. Sprague presented data for the first four months of 2020, which shows that scheduled arrivals during the VQW have been reduced considerably (between 1-5%), except for March, due to Spring Break. Mr. Sprague advised that these flights are scheduled to arrive by 11:30 p.m.

NOISE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

During the *3rd Quarter 2019*, there were 797 complaints received from 15 different households, with 553 of the complaints coming from one household in Safety Harbor and 162 of the complaints coming from one household in Oldsmar. The top three cities submitting complaints were Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, and Clearwater. The top three reasons for complaints for the Quarter were excessive noise, late night or early morning flights, and low flying aircraft. There were zero complaints received in the Quarter regarding ground noise for aircraft engine run-ups.

There were 948 complaints received during the 4th Quarter from 40 different households, with 321 complaints coming from one household in Safety Harbor, 231 complaints coming from one household in the Rainbow Farms subdivision in Safety Harbor, and 278 complaints coming from one household in Oldsmar. The top three cities submitting complaints were Safety Harbor (including the Rainbow Farms subdivision), Oldsmar, and Clearwater. The top three reasons for complaints for the Quarter were excessive

noise, low flying aircraft, and did not use NAP's. There were zero complaints received in the Quarter regarding ground noise for aircraft engine run-ups.

In total for 2019, there were 3,415 complaints submitted from 75 different households, with 2,817 of complaints (82%) coming from two households, one in Safety Harbor and one in Oldsmar. The top three reasons for complaints for the year were excessive noise, late night/early morning flights, and low flying aircraft.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS/ CITIZENS COMMENTS

Due to complaints about the difficulty in completing the online noise complaint form, changes have been made to make it easier for citizens to complete the form. There are minimal required fields and citizens are now able to choose multiple reasons for the complaint, as opposed to only one. In addition, the Noise Complaint Phone Hotline has been updated to make it easier to submit a complaint by phone.

Allegiant is looking at a recommended procedure of a Flaps 3 landing configuration. This reduces fuel consumption, as well as lowers noise levels. Flaps full is Allegiant's current landing configuration and they are looking to roll this new landing configuration out in the next few weeks. This is a recommended guidance to flight crews and it is not mandatory, as there will be times and variables requiring a landing with a full flap configuration. This is a recommended procedure issued by Airbus manufacturers to all Airbus aircraft.

Linda Norris, Oldsmar Task Force member, thanked Mr. Sprague, Erin Johnson, and Steven Santamaria for taking the time to come to her home and educate her on noise and NAP's. Ms. Norris stated they stayed until all questions were answered and feels like she is making a difference by being a member of the Task Force.

Mr. Sprague advised the Task Force that the Federal Aviation Administration is in the process of preparing an environmental assessment for the Florida Metroplex initiative that proposes changes to flight paths at high altitudes. Mr. Sprague stated he has been advised June 2020 should be the next Public Town Hall meeting.