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A Message from the Airport Manager: Runway Rehabilitation: Building a New Level of World Class

Dear Neighbors and Airport Stakeholders:

As this year heads to a close, we have some exciting news about a major airport improvement project that will soon be under way. The Board of Airport Commissioners recently approved a construction contract for the rehabilitation of Van Nuys Airport's (VNY) main runway (16R/34L). It, along with the shorter runway, provides tremendous service to the flying public and regular aviation users of VNY. Los Angeles World Airports was awarded a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which will cover 90% of the project's cost.



Runway 16R/34L stretches 8,000 feet. The project, which includes the rehabilitation of 6,800 feet of asphalt pavement using a combination of asphalt overlay and partial pavement reconstruction, will be phased over three sections of the runway (north, south, and center). The project also includes the widening of the existing runway shoulders to meet FAA design standards, along with improvements to the aircraft run-up area and repairs to existing, concrete runway pavement.

Through a collaborative effort among airport management and tenants, the rehabilitation project has been designed to minimize operational impacts while maximizing improvements to the airfield. During project work, estimated to begin this November and last approximately nine months, VNY will operate with a shortened runway length for 65 days, and full runway closures will be limited to just 10 days. Upon completion, the project will result in at least 20 years of additional service from the improved runway surface.

Moving into the construction phase of the project, VNY remains committed to supporting all of its community and airport stakeholders and to providing timely updates. We encourage you to visit www.lawa.org/vny16R for project background and updates as we continue to preserve and enhance VNY's status as a world-class aviation facility.

Sincerely,
Jess Romo, A.A.E.
Van Nuys Airport Manager

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To receive the newsletter electronically in the future send a note—with the subject line stating "ADD ME TO YOUR E-MAIL LIST"—to vannuysairportguides@lawa.org. Thank you for your commitment to a greener tomorrow!



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Airport Watch News

Tips to Proactively Solve Problems Through Community-Based Policing

By Sergeant Paul C. Dutton

VNY Airport Police proactively prevent and suppress criminal activity working in partnership with the aviation community. Using community-based policing, we work together with the airport community to come up with solutions to solve issues facing the airport and the many visitors, tenants, and employees who keep it operating.

Paparazzi

In the past year there have been many calls for service regarding paparazzi lingering on private property and invading people's privacy. One major incident involved the arrival of a high-profile celebrity for air transportation to her final resting place. Roadblocks had to be set up to control access onto a private street where paparazzi made several attempts to bypass the area. But with the strict controls in place, the problems were minimized.

The best solution to any problem is the prevention of it in the first place. Using proper planning and following clear policies, enforcement of existing laws can be more effective with proper signage and proactive measures. These include posting signs at entrances of private property giving notice of no trespassing, authorized persons only, and restricted parking. The signs must meet the code specifications.

Other measures such as security screens and landscaping blocking the view from the street to the airfield make it harder for paparazzi to get a clear unobstructed picture. Employees should also be alert for unauthorized persons on their property. Because most areas surrounding the airport are open to the public, paparazzi must be given a chance to leave before they are subjected to an arrest. Exceptions would include if the signage is clearly posted on the outside perimeter and the person actually climbs over the fence or wall and enters onto the airfield property without permission.

Civil Disputes

Because the airport has many tenants and sub-tenants and provides repair services and storage of aircraft, there are often disputes over non-payment or property issues. These types of issues are in most cases civil in nature, meaning they are typically not crimes and are not prosecuted in criminal courts. Remedies must be sought in a civil court. Airport Police are often requested to assist in the enforcement of a civil action, and grant access to areas or facilitate a remedy.



Proper signage at VNY helps with the enforcement of existing laws.

Civil cases are enforced through the Superior Court of Los Angeles with court orders and with the assistance of court officers or process servers. Airport Police may assist in keeping the peace and may determine if a law was violated such as theft, fraud, or trespassing. But in most cases, these situations are civil in nature and no arrest or enforcement can be taken. The police are not allowed to become a party to the action by taking sides to either party. The proper enforcement will come from the Superior Court process.

Parking Enforcement

In order to enforce parking laws on private or public property, proper signage must be posted according to the Los Angeles Municipal Code. Leaseholders may determine areas to be enforced on their property. Restricted Parking, Fire Lanes, Tow-Away Zones, and Private Property – Permit Parking Only areas must be posted. If the signage has been properly posted and meets the municipal code section, Airport Police may take enforcement action. There have been complaints of persons parking in fire lanes, loading zones, and in areas on the airfield without permission. If the property owner doesn't comply with the signage requirements, enforcement cannot take place.

Contact Information

VNY Airport Police: (818) 442-6570

Airport Police Dispatch: (310) 646-4268

Emergency: 911

Thank you for helping keep the airport community safe and secure!

On the Set: Doing Our Part at VNY

By Wayne R. Britton, VNY Airport Operations

What do *Lethal Weapon*, *Pearl Harbor*, *Law & Order*, and *NCIS* have in common? How about scenes just shot this summer for TV shows *Glee* and *Hell's Kitchen*?

For the answer, look to your local airport: They all included filming at VNY, where we strive to maintain a film-friendly environment by working closely with tenants, location scouts, and production company personnel to ensure we process filming requests in a thorough, timely, and professional manner.

We continually work to simplify the film permitting process and make progressive improvements, such as through our current policy of waiving film permit fees. As we further streamline our procedures, we make VNY more attractive to prospective users.

VNY's connection with filming dates back to the airport's earliest years. After the Great Depression put an end to the corporation that initially established the airport in 1928, Hollywood film production helped save it. At that time, filmmakers used the site for scenes from famous movies such as *Hell's Angels*, *Lost Horizon*, *Men with Wings*, *Storm Over the Andes*, and later *Casablanca*.

Today, filming at VNY continues to provide direct economic benefits. It also supports the local economy through work provided to off-site production-related firms, such as video editing, sound production, advertising, craft services, and more.

Here's a partial list of other recent productions with filming done at VNY. For questions about using our unique location for a film production project, contact the VNY Film Desk at **(818) 442-6544**.

Motion Pictures

- *Pearl Harbor*
- *Charlie's Angels*
- *Lethal Weapon*
- *J. Edgar*
- *Charlie's War*

Television shows

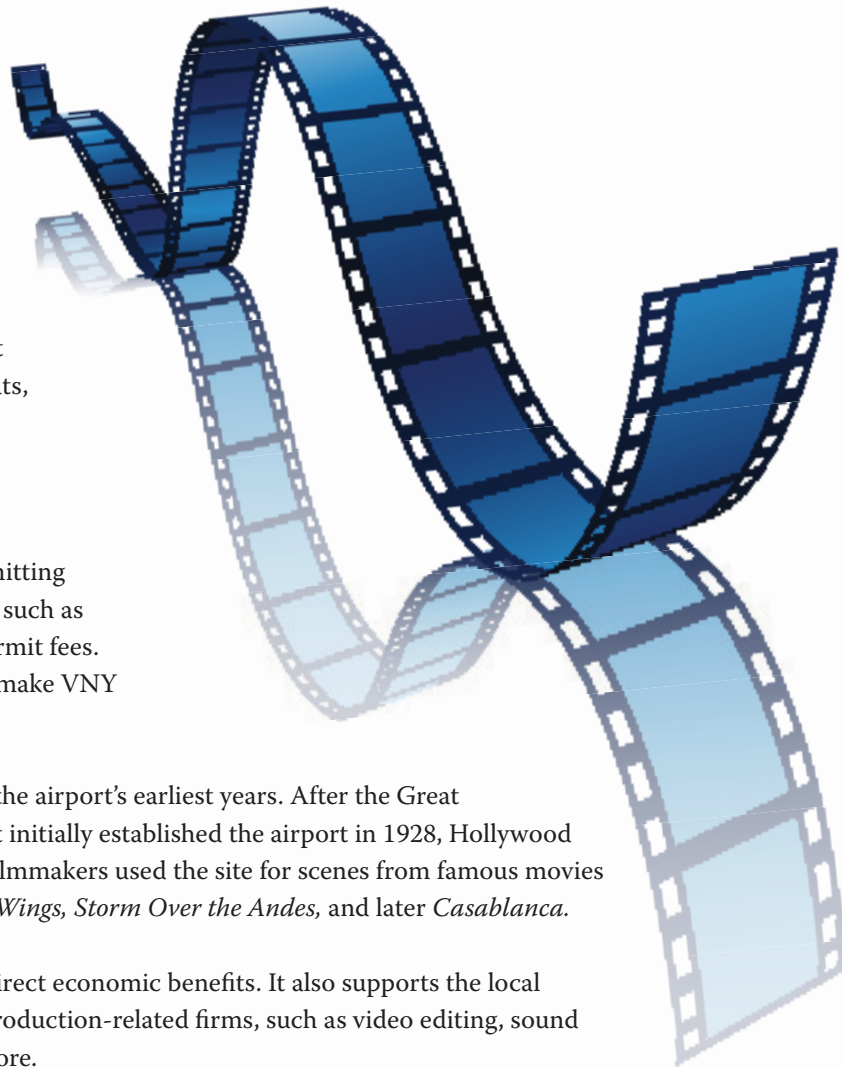
- *Law & Order*
- *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*
- *Germany's Next Top Model*
- *Shark Tank*
- *NCIS*

Commercials

- Hillshire Farms
- Ford Motor Company
- Miller Lite
- Food Network
- Kaiser Permanente

Music Videos

- Mariah Carey
- Toby Keith
- MTV Video Music Awards
- Jessica Simpson
- Van Halen



Students ACE Summer Educational Program



Students participating in the VNY summer 2012 Aviation Careers Education Academy (ACE) program learn more about aviation careers through discussions with professionals in the field (left) and field trips, such as to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Library.

VNY hosted another successful Aviation Careers Education Academy (ACE) program this summer for middle and high school students interested in aviation careers.

A free week-long motivational program, ACE enables participants to explore numerous careers in aviation and aerospace through field trips and the opportunity to speak with professionals in these areas. This year's program included visits to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Library, the Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center, the Van Nuys Air Traffic Control Tower, and more.

To learn more about the 2012 ACE program, view the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=YgZ2vJff9RA. Sign up for ACE 2013 by calling (818) 442-6526.

AOPA Aviation Summit Takes Flight in Palm Springs

VNY and the Van Nuys Propeller Aircraft Association (VNY Prop) recently shared a booth at the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's (AOPA) 2012 Aviation Summit, held in Palm Springs. The event drew about 10,000 attendees from around the world, allowing VNY and VNY Prop to showcase to a wide audience the airport's advantages in meeting propeller aircraft needs.

"Working the booth representing VNY Prop and VNY at the AOPA Summit was a satisfying and meaningful time for all of us," said VNY Prop Past President Elliot Sanders. "We talked to hundreds of pilots and aviation enthusiasts about the airport known for Runway 16R and its record as one of the busiest general aviation airports in the nation. Talk about the propeller aircraft park under development was the most asked question subject."

Highlights of this year's event included a parade of about 100 propeller aircraft "driving" on the streets of Palm Springs from the airport to the Convention Center. The 2013 summit will take place in Fort Worth, Texas. To learn more, visit www.aopa.org/summit/.



VNY and the Van Nuys Propeller Aircraft Association have their booth ready to go at the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's 2012 Aviation Summit.

Community Calendar

Nov. 10, 2012: Team LAWA – including VNY employees, friends, family, and tenants – will help volunteer at the Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce’s 29th Annual Clean-Up Day at Lake Balboa.

Nov. 14, 2012: VNY will host the quarterly meeting of the Valley Industry & Commerce Association, an organization focused on enhancing the economic vitality of the greater San Fernando Valley region by advocating for a better business climate and quality of life.

Dec. 13, 2012: VNY will provide its adopted school, Gault Street Elementary School, with an annual holiday celebration, complete with live entertainment and plenty of cheer.

Jan. 22-25, 2013: VNY will exhibit when the National Business Aviation Association presents its Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference.

Feb. 21, 2013: The Valley Economic Alliance will host its 5th Annual Valley Business Expo, providing additional opportunities to connect businesses to the resources and leadership of the San Fernando Valley.

March 21, 2013: VNY will host its annual ceremony to recognize and reward Young Achievers – exceptional area middle school students who excel in academics, athletics, the arts or community service.

First Tuesday of Every Month: The VNY Citizens Advisory Council – which makes recommendations to the Board of Airport Commissioners and receives community input on airport projects and issues – meets at 7 p.m. in the Van Nuys FlyAway Bus Terminal Conference Room, 7610 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys.

Every Second Thursday: The Friends of Van Nuys Airport meet at 7 p.m. (locations vary). A nonprofit organization, the Friends unite people of all backgrounds into a special group with a common interest in aviation, and in the development and growth of VNY for the community’s benefit. In addition to holding meetings with guest speakers, the Friends take group field trips to aviation-related facilities and receive invitations to private airport special events.

Ongoing: Free airport tours (available to groups of 20 or more) offer a captivating journey through aviation past and present. Tours are offered to school groups and adults on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and select Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

For more information on these programs and events, visit www.lawa.org/vny or call (818) 442-6526.



Captain Mario K. Patrick, new Officer-in-Command at VNY

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Captain Mario K. Patrick, with 22 years of law enforcement experience in the City of Los Angeles, recently assumed the position of Officer-in-Command at VNY.

Previously, Captain Patrick worked as the Officer-in-Charge of the Los Angeles Airport Police’s Training and Recruitment Unit. Prior to that he also oversaw the Special Operations Group (K9 & Emergency Services Unit), and he has served as the Assistant Commanding Officer of the Patrol Services Section.