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Fall GAA Meeting

Fairbanks Air Traffic Control (FAI ATCT)



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Discussion Points

- Staffing
- Operations from closed surfaces
- SVFR
- Question?



Staffing

- 14 CPCs
 - 22 is full staffing
- 9 Trainees
 - 4 Approach
 - 1 Tower
 - 4 Ground
- 2 Supervisors (1 starting in March)
 - 4 is full staffing
- ATM
 - New ATM
 - Chad Lord (ANC TRACON)

 - Thank you for your patience!

Know someone interested in becoming ATC? The FAA is hiring entry-level controllers. Go to www.faa.gov/be-atc to find out if you're eligible and what you'll need to apply.



Closed Surface Ops

- Per FAA JO 7110.65AA 3-3-2
 - If any aircraft requests to takeoff, land, or touch-and-go on a closed or unsafe runway, inform the pilot the runway is closed or unsafe, and
 - If the pilot persists in his/her request, quote him/her the appropriate parts of the NOTAM applying to the runway and inform him/her that a clearance cannot be issued.
 - Then, if the pilot insists and in your opinion the intended operation would not adversely affect other traffic, inform him/her that the operation will be at his/her own risk.

SVFR

- Must be requested by the pilot
- On the basis of weather conditions at the airport of intended landing/departure
- SVFR may be approved only if arriving/departing IFR aircraft are not delayed.
 - Not to be so rigidly applied it unnecessarily delays aircraft
- One at a time
 - Visual separation may be used, provided aircraft are going to same place
- Arriving get priority
 - Not to be so rigidly applied it unnecessarily delays aircraft
- Ceiling affects whole Class D. Visibility affects just FAI
 - Chena Marina/Metro Field can call own visibility

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