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Launch of the Year of Security Culture

Kia ora tatou

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) have identified 2021 as the Year of the Security Culture – a programme the Civil Aviation Authority are supporting and promoting, by engaging with industry across the country, and providing updated content over the coming months.

This year is also the 20th anniversary of 9/11 – the worst terrorist attack in aviation history, and a timely reminder for us all, to reflect on and continue to improve our security culture.

As Kiwis, we value our freedom to connect with others, both internationally and within our little slice of paradise. And, while we're fortunate to live in a relatively peaceful corner of the world, our people and country aren't immune to acts of terrorism.

We can't afford to have a significant security event that impacts New Zealand's reputation as a safe and secure destination. It's up to all of us to contribute to the security and safety of our airports and protect what we have as a country.

Our security culture programme

The purpose of our New Zealand-based programme is to encourage everyone within the aviation industry to know what suspicious behaviour looks like and, if they see or hear anything that doesn't feel quite right - to report it.

What we are doing

Security culture meetings
We're looking forward to engaging with as many people as possible! We've already held numerous airport-based meetings, with more planned for the rest of the year and, we'll also be meeting with regulated air cargo agents, as you too, contribute to airport security.

e-newsletters
Over the coming months we'll be sending you an e-newsletter which focuses on specific themes to enhance the security culture of your airport.

Airport security posters
We've produced a series of posters in collaboration with Government and the aviation industry. These posters encourage all of us to contribute to airport security and report anything that doesn't seem quite right. Depending on where you work you may recognise some of the airport staff that feature in these posters.

We'll be mailing these posters out shortly and ask, that once received, you place the posters in prominent positions within your staff areas such as offices or break-rooms. We can also email you a pdf copy of the posters if you'd like to print more. Email us at security.culture@caa.govt.nz.

Coming up

Over the coming months we will:

- Continue holding security culture meetings
- Send you monthly e-newsletters
- Provide supporting collateral
- Regularly update our website with resources you may find useful

We welcome your input, encourage you all to embrace ideas presented during the programme, and urge everyone to act as security culture ambassadors by integrating a positive security culture philosophy in everything you do.

Please feel free to email us in the Security Regulation Unit if you have any questions, ideas, or requests for further information. Email security.culture@caa.govt.nz.

We look forward to engaging with you over the coming months.

Ngā mihi

The team at the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand.