

## News From the Tower



Recently FAA hosted a Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting to improve runway safety here at R L Jones Jr. Airport (RVS). All those in attendance, including the pilots, controllers, airport management, technicians, and flight schools, are stakeholders in the mission and are team members of the runway safety team for this airport. Following are a few reminders to help our aviation community stay safe:

### **S** STAY ALERT –

RVS is a busy airport and getting busier every year with even more training pilots in the mix. During times of high traffic, frequency congestion may create safety problems. To aid in these situations users should always:

- Know what you going to say on the mic,
- Listen to the frequency before keying the mic,
- Always look out the window.

### **A** ASSUME NOTHING & ASK QUESTIONS –

Feeling rushed during those busy times at RVS may result in skipped items in a clearance, shortened or omission of read back, forgetting to scan finals before takeoff or the runway before landing. Take the time to ensure safety is ensured and don't assume you know controllers intent just because you consider yourself an experienced pilot. Expectation bias often leads to a safety risk.

### **F** FIND YOUR LOCATION -

Lack of familiarity with the airport surface, along with the airport signage and markings, is often a causal factor for incursions. Know the airport area by reviewing airport maps before boarding aircraft or moving on the airport. Know the taxiway names, runway numbers, movement area markings, and hold short lines of the airport.

### **E** ENSURE YOU HAVE CLEARANCE -

Did they clear us for takeoff? Was that clearance to cross the runway for us? What's a right 360? Hearing the clearance and understanding the clearance is vital. If a clearance is not understood, or if you do not fully hear the clearance, ask the controller. Asking saves lives.

# SAFE TRIP

**S** tay alert.

**A** ssume nothing - ask questions

**F** ind your location

**E** nsure you have clearance

**T** hink

**R** unway

**I** ncursion

**P** revention!

**REMEMBER - It's all about YOU and your SAFE TRIP !!!!!!!**