

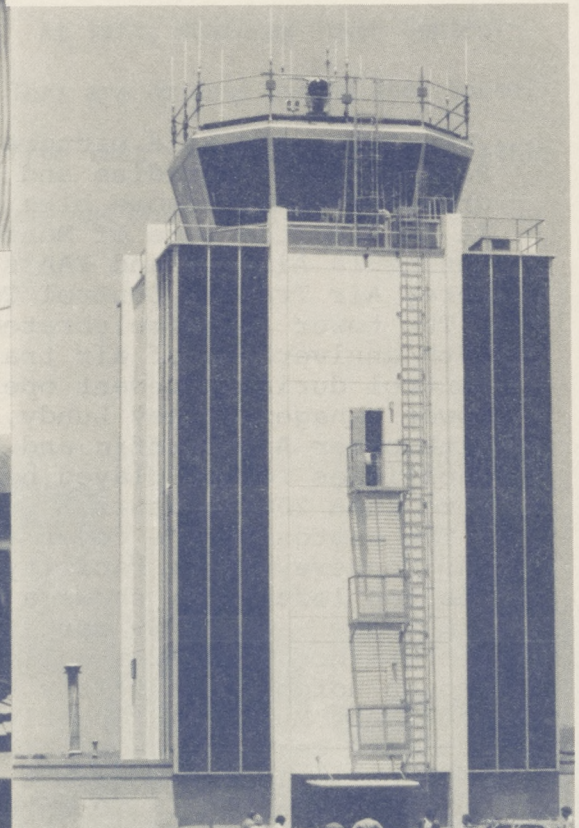


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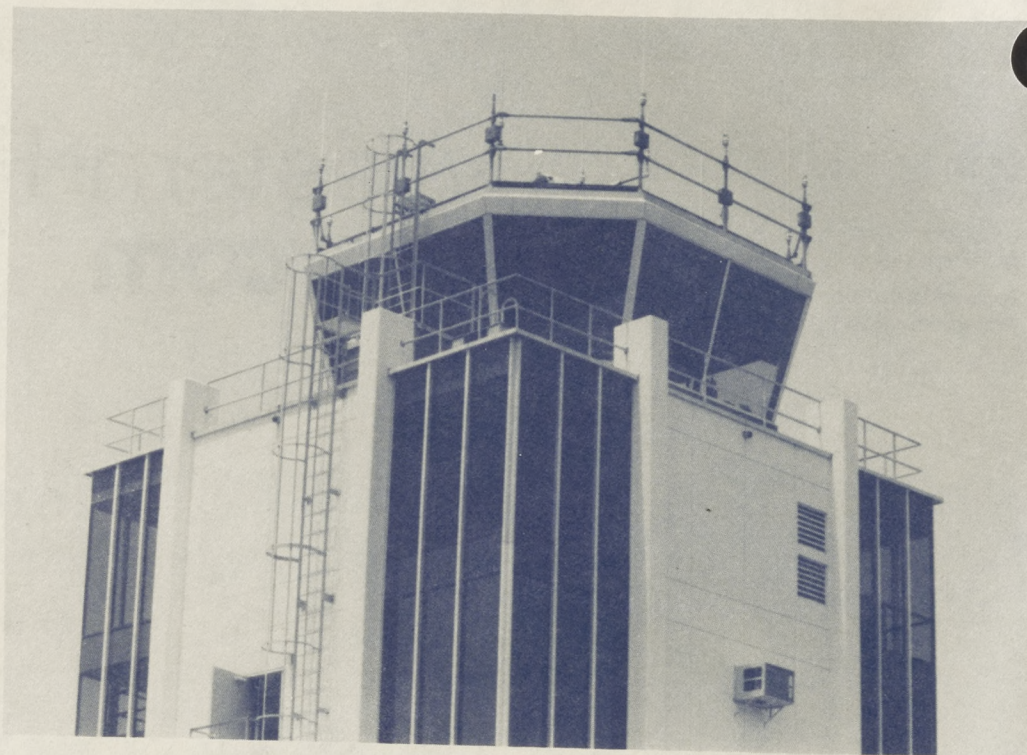


Monterey Tower



OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

Cover
Story



Monterey Bay is a picturesque Pacific coast paradise and feeding ground of the awesome blue whales. It is also the home of Monterey Peninsula Airport and FAA's Monterey Air Traffic Control Tower.

The tower folks celebrated the 50th anniversary of air traffic control during a recent open house. Tower Manager Forney Lundy, along with other Air Traffic and Airway Facilities folks, played host to more than 200 visitors.

The photos on the cover include the Monterey Tower facility (right). The top left photo shows a happy Jim Bedow -- a newly certified Full Performance Level Controller. Although not pictured, Tony Patrizio and Scott Muir all recently achieved facility certification. The bottom left photo features guests inside the tower cab during Open House festivities. At left is Supervisory

Air Traffic Control Specialist Buck Dodson (with sunglasses), with Controller Tony Patrizio at the lower right.

The following pages of INTERCOM feature more of the people at Monterey Tower.

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Monterey Tower

Open House

Photo: Air Traffic Control Specialist John Collier, right, receives his 30-year career service emblem. Air Traffic Manager Forney Lundy makes the presentation, along with a congratulatory letter from Regional Director Mac McClure.



At left, Monterey Tower Controllers are on duty during Open House. From left -- Ralph Lent, Tony Patrizio and John Collier.

From left -- Supervisor Buck Dodson, Rob Mendelsohn, Ralph Lent and Tony Patrizio.



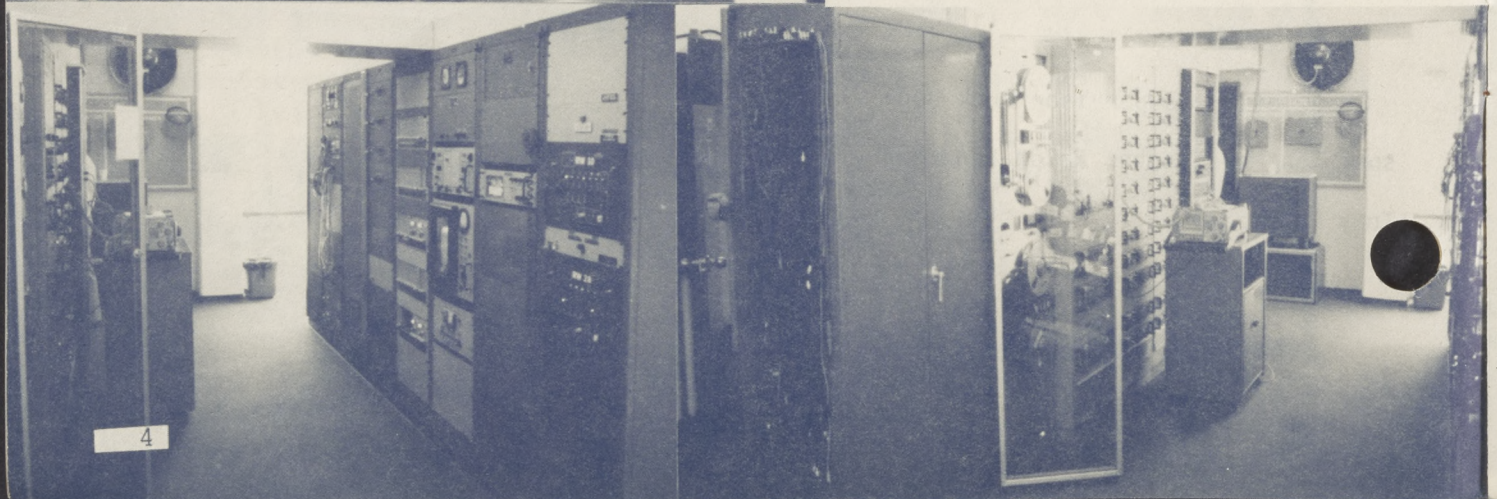
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At right, Monterey Open House visitors find, from left, Rob Mendelsohn and Ken Powell.



At left, Controller Ralph Le works traffic amidst the Open House festivities. Below, a view of the Airway Facilities equipment located on the second floor of the Tower building.



Frederick Nakamitsu Earns Award

Frederick Nakamitsu, left, is presented with a Special Achievement Award by Jimmy Rowlette, Manager of Kauai Sector Field Office.

Fred, who was cited for his contribution in establishing Computer Based Instruction in Kauai, has recently been selected as Supervisor, NavComm Unit with Guam Sector Field Office.



Golden Gate AFS News

Congratulations to Radar Com Technician-in-Depth (TID) Al Cook and Nav/Com Technician-in-Depth Paul Crampton for receiving performance based Special Achievement Awards, and to San Francisco Electronics Technician Arnold Lee and General Supply Specialist Anita Mahler for receiving promotions.

Career service emblems were presented to John Baysdorfer and Russell Anderson for 30 years; Anita Maher, Larry Rengstorf, Arnold Lee, George Kirkwood, Ronald Oberlercher and Alfred Shew for 25 years; Harvey Swanger, John Larson, Christian Mickelsen and Gary Smith for 15 years.

On-the-Spot Awards were presented to Richard Krebs, Virginia Sousa and Gene Pugh. Roy Hiner conducted a tour of the Crescent City ARSR for five members of the California Conservation Corps (CCC). These CCC members recently completed building a rock wall at the radar site. Letters of Appreciation -- from San Francisco Tower to Arnold Lee for responding immediately and correcting three equipment problems...from the FAA Depot to Fred Twigge for participating in the Cost Avoidance Program and pinpointing an overpricing problem...from San Jose Sector Field Office Manager Paul Milani to Alex gulyas, Charles

Taylor, Joe Bettencourt, Al Cook, Paul Crampton, John Pieper and Mario Romero for their team effort in completing the Woodside TACR antenna bearing and motor replacement project. . . from San Francisco Airports Commission to the San Francisco Field Office for the excellent cooperation in helping complete the fire suppression testing in the control tower. . . from Garden City, Kansas, Sector

to John Baysdorfer for assisting the Long Range Radar site. . . from AAC-900 to Maurice Schwetzer, Neil Folden, Dan Dunton, Francisco Osgood, John Pieper, Leonard Mummert and Rudy Horabuena for participating in the automated Examination Control Center prototype tryout. . . to Nathan Lyau from Mill Valley ARSR for providing RCAG training. . . from Tony Beals, San Francisco Field Office Manager, to Deloris Anderson for assisting with test equipment inventory and to Len Hogan for acting as the Field Office Manager.

Congratulations to Francis Osgood, Bob Leone, Arlie Lloyd, John Smith, Paul Milani and Maurice Shwetzer for receiving a cash award as co-suggesters. Their combined efforts came up with an efficient and cost effective corrective maintenance procedures for the use of test equipment.

Civilair Candy Sale On

Civilair has started its annual See's Candy Drive, so get your orders in for delightful chocolate confections! Save \$1 per pound by buying your candy from a Civilair rep for \$5.60 per pound. Specialty items are also available at discounted prices.

Orders can be made for Regional Office delivery through December 16. For more information, contact Linda Murray at 213/297-1697.



FAA Toastmasters Meetings

All FAA employees are invited to attend the regular meetings of FAA Toastmasters Club #3449. Members meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in Regional Office Conference Room 4W3/7 beginning at 11:45 a.m. Guests are always welcome.

Chemical Abuse Meetings



Chemical Abuse Meetings are being held at the Regional Headquarters. Old and new members are welcome. For more information, please call Anne Clayton at x1300 in the Aviation Medical Division.

Civilair Schedules Casino Night

Look out Reno and Las Vegas -- Civilair has selected March 21 as Casino Night. FAA employees, their friends and families will have a chance to play casino games for fun, sponsored by High Sierra Hotel and Casino in Lake Tahoe. The event will be held near the regional office, and among many prizes to be awarded will be two weekend trips to Lake Tahoe.

Look for more details in future INTERCOM editions.

Phone Directory Correction

When the November 1986 Western-Pacific Telephone Directory was printed, an error was made in the Santa Barbara FSS listing. Please change the FTS/commercial phone numbers to: 960-7704/805-964-4533.

Fresno Celebrates Women's Week

The women of Fresno Flight Standards District Office recently celebrated Women's Week by attending a luncheon at a local restaurant in Fresno. As a guest speaker, Claudio Da Costa from the Product Support Division of Embraer, SAO Paulo, Brazil, addressed the luncheon. Attending the celebration were Nita Jacobsen, Robyn McDonough, Kay Elliott, Phyliss Cleveland, Pat Davis and Evelyn Hannagan.

Thought For The Week

Nature does not demand that we be perfect. It requires only that we grow.

-Josh Liebman

Kenn Nellis

Stockton Tower/TRACON Employee Of The Quarter

Congratulations to Controller Kenn Nellis of Stockton Tower/TRACON. Kenn was selected as the Employee of the Quarter by his peers. He was singled out for this honor by his demonstrations of an outstanding sense of responsibility and professionalism in performance of his duties. Through his efforts, the facility has benefited greatly in areas of training, Facility Advisory Board and human relations.

Photo: Kenn Nellis receives his certificate and letter designating him Employee of the Quarter from Air Traffic Manager Jerry Martin.



Salinas FSS Happenings

Congratulations to David Banner and Bob Wallin on receiving Special Achievement Awards. Area Supervisor Sandra Acquistapace made the presentation.

Linda Avakian and Bobby Jennings were presented with Letters of Appreciation for their contributions to administrative support and pilot education efforts.

David Banner recently conducted a facility tour for 27 fifth graders from a local elementary school. A tour for 12 Cub Scouts was provided by Bobby Jennings and Sandra Acquistapace. The highlight came when the kids were treated to large inflated red balloons, which are used for weather observations, after a demonstration of their use by Bobby Jennings.

Bion Quan and Air Traffic Manager Joe Reindl briefed approximately 150 99er pilots in Monterey for their cross-country flights.

Photos: Top -- Dave Banner receives his Special Achievement Award, as presented by Sandra Acquistapace.
Below -- Bob Wallin receives his cash award.



Sacramento FSS

Air Traffic Hub Presents Awards

Congratulations to Air Traffic Control Specialist John Prior from Sacramento Flight Service Station (FSS). John recently was presented a Special Achievement Award by Area Supervisor Jerry Judd.

Atanacio Almendariz, Area Supervisor at Marysville FSS, also recently earned a Special Achievement Award, as presented by Sacramento FSS Assistant Air Traffic Manager Ronald Wenstrom. Congratulations, Atanacio!

FAA Headquarters Wins CFC Award

The FAA headquarters segment of the agency's Washington Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) area has received the President's award for achieving more than 75 percent participation and collecting more than \$75 per employee. Although final figures are not yet in, keyworkers in the Washington area have collected more than \$180,000 representing more than 95 percent of the area's goal.

Offices and Services attaining one hundred percent participation in 1986 included AOA, AAD, AVS, ACP, ACR, AEE, ALR, AOE, API, APO, and APT. The top three offices exceeding their dollar goals were the Office of the Associate Administrator for Administration 267 percent, the Office of the Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards with 207 percent, and the Office of Civil Rights, 204 percent.



LAX Tower Talk

Air Traffic Assistant arrivals to Los Angeles Tower are Angel Figueroa from Chicago Midway Tower and new employees Randall Genest and Leslie Kinney.

Departures are Harvey "Bud" Riebel to AWP-506; Thomas Dray to Burbank Tower/TRACON and Mary Haynes to San Jose Tower as an Area Supervisor.

People receiving awards are Area Supervisors David Tyson and Bud Riebel.

Traffic Up, Errors Down

The number of air traffic operational errors this year still is running well below the 1986 figure, despite a 2.5 percent increase during the third quarter. For the first nine months of 1986, errors were down 16.4 percent over the same period last year.

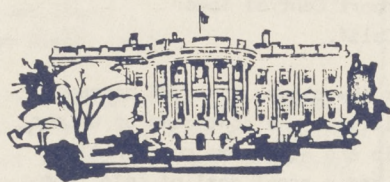
This drop in operational errors has been achieved despite continuing traffic gains. Flights were up five percent at the 20 domestic en route centers and four percent at the 22 "pacing" airports in the Jan.-Sept. period. Flight delays also are up this year, running better than 30 percent above last year with weather accounting for about two-thirds of the total.

Safety Rule Implemented

Effective Nov. 26, all large airline aircraft were required to have new floor-level emergency escape path lighting/mark-ing system to speed passenger evacuation from a smoke-filled cabin in a survivable accident.

Under an FAA rule adopted in October 1984, the airlines had two years to complete the installation program for all of their aircraft with 20 or more passengers seats. The new floor-level system supplements existing emergency lighting, which is located in the ceiling and, thus, can be more easily obscured by smoke from a post-crash fire.

Update On Airway Science



The Airway Science curriculum of San Jose State University has been officially recognized by the FAA as part of the Airway Science Project. On 10/31/86, Regional Director McClure presented a plaque to the University President acknowledging FAA recognition. The Western-Pacific Region has two other universities with a recognized curriculum -- National University and Arizona State University. In addition, it appears likely that California State-Los Angeles will be recognized within the near future.

The Airway Science curriculum emphasizes courses in aviation, science and technology, mathematics, management and general studies. Graduates of this curriculum and other candidates who have aviation-related experience can apply under a special Airway Science Announcement for GS-7 entry level positions as Air Traffic Control Specialist, Electronics Technician, Aviation Safety Inspector and Computer Specialist.

The purpose of the Airway Science Project is to compare performance, job attitudes and perceived potential for supervisory positions of individuals recruited under this special announcement with individuals recruited for the same occupations through traditional methods. As the FAA is now in the fourth year of this project, it is anticipated many graduates will be hired during the coming year.

In the Western-Pacific Region, the Airway Science Program contact is June Anderson, AWP-14A, FTS 984-1306.



Scholarship Honors Kropf



The Eugene S. Kropf, "Red Baron" scholarship fund has been established by the University Aviation Association to honor the late Gene Kropf, who was the Western-Pacific Region's Public Affairs officer for 28 years.

Known worldwide at the "Red Baron" of aviation education, he was a pioneer in the aviation education field and also a nationally recognized aircraft modeler. The scholarship will provide needed support to outstanding young people preparing for careers in aviation.



**Santa Rosa Chapter
Ninety-Nines, Inc.**

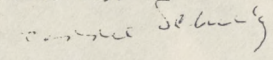
Mr. George Feick
Santa Rosa Tower

On behalf of our Ninety-Nine Chapter and all the 60-some-odd racers, I thank you and the tower crew for your cooperation and work in smoothly handling the traffic and race take-off.

We received credit for a smooth and hospitable start and a good deal of the credit goes to the entire airport-operation staff.

I hope it went well from your point of view, also. If you have any comments I would be happy to discuss it.

Sincerely,



Jeannie Schulz

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
AVIATION DIVISION**



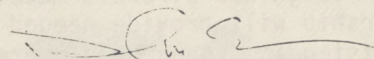
Mateo Palenzuela
Air Traffic Manager, Brackett Tower

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

I would like to commend your staff, in general, and Messrs. Bob Young, David Saunders and Fred Werner in particular, for their professional action during a recent evening watch.

Brackett Tower advised the County service workers that there was a fire south of the rotating beacon, adjacent to the trailer park. This quick and observant action by your controllers prevented a potentially dangerous situation from escalating.

Very truly yours,



David Cardenas
Assistant Manager Brackett Field

BANNER

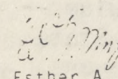
AERIAL ADVERTISING

Manager, Airport Control Tower
Riverside, Calif.

One of our tow planes lost VHF communication capabilities. He contacted us on our company radio and with some coordination with TRACON and a great deal of help from your tower personnel, we were able to successfully complete our scheduled flight.

The cooperation and pleasantness of the people at Riverside Tower made what could have been a big headache a happy experience. I wish to compliment you on the professionalism of the controllers. They couldn't have been any nicer or more helpful.

Thank you,



Esther A. Grupenhagen
Chief Pilot

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
Saipan International Airport
Saipan, CM



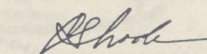
Mr. John Gordon, Sector Manager
c/o Mr. Ronald Riberal
Manager, AF Sector Field Office
Finegayan, Guam

On behalf of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, we want to officially extend our sincere appreciation for the support you have provided us, particularly with training conducted by Mr. Tony Manibusan. The training has positive result in upgrading the technical skill of our personnel on the maintenance of CPAs own electronic equipments.

Also, extend to Mr. Manibusan our sincere appreciation for the time he took to conduct the training. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY



CARLOS A. SHODA
Executive Director



US Department
of Transportation
Federal Aviation
Administration

Larry Ogle
Brown Tower
San Diego, Calif.

This letter is a small token of thanks for your time and involvement in the San Diego Government Job Fair. Without your help, the fine representation of the FAA would have been impossible.

The feedback substantiates a professional display, presentation and a warm, concerned attitude.

Once again, thank you so much. Working with you have been my pleasure.

Sincerely,

L. Faye Christian
Associate Federal Women's Program
Manager, San Diego

Letters
We Like To
Receive



Larry Kircher
Paradise Valley, Arizona

Chief, Scottsdale Tower
Scottsdale Airport

Gentlemen:

I was in the air returning to Scottsdale from the west. I want to commend the controller who handled the traffic jam during the airport closing. He was fantastic, cool, competent and kept good order in a chaotic situation. We appreciate the quality of people at Scottsdale Tower and are happy to have you!

Thanks for helping keep flying safe.

Larry Kircher

(Editor's note: This letter was received from a local pilot. The runway had been closed as a result of a gear-up landing.)

Mr. Tom Anthony
Fresno Flight Service Station

I would like to thank you for the fine job you and your people do in Fresno FSS. I was very pleased with my daily weather briefings and the highly professional and pleasant service I received consistently. Your workers were a pleasure to work with, and I feel a good model. Your staff uses all available info and the personal interest in their work makes everybody's work much easier.

Thanks again from a satisfied pilot. Special thanks for the work of Steve Shackelford.

Sincerely,

Jeff Walker
1118 South Birch
Santa Ana, California

Oakland ARTCC
Fremont, California

Dear Mr. Maloney,

I would like to praise on of your controllers for being so patient with a particular pilot. The pilot asked for an IFR clearance from the Sacramento area to San Francisco. The controller issued a clearance via a radial, I don't recall to the Manteca 215 radial, Cedes Intersection, direct. 2 - 3 minutes later the pilot stated he hadn't understood the clearance. The controller read it again. I didn't get it. A few more tries, including spelling, literally and the pilot still didn't get it. The controller realized the pilot didn't have Manteca because he was using outdated charts. Even referencing Stockton, the pilot didn't understand the routing. Throughout the controller remained calm, polite and did her best to issue a fairly simple clearance.

As a military pilot who has flown for the past nine years, I have always received excellent services. Please pass my thanks.

Mark E. Whyte, Roseville, Calif.

CHERYL, May I
add my compliments.
Your patient efforts
reflected very
favorably on our
facility & FAA.
Vince Maloney

First Host Delivered

The first of the new generation of ATC computers was delivered to the Seattle en route center on November 22.

The new IBM Host computers are 10 times faster and have four times the capacity of the IBM 9020s they will replace. These features will allow the air traffic control system to keep pace with projected traffic growth and will increase both controller productivity and the safety of the system.

Administrator Engen emphasized that the Host system underwent exhaustive testing at the FAA Technical Center prior to delivery to Seattle. More on-site testing is planned before the equipment goes operational next summer.

To provide fail-safe capability, one operational and one support/backup computer will be delivered to each of domestic FAA's centers. IBM expects to complete deliveries to all 20 sites by the end of 1987.

Luffsey Gets "Futures" Job

Associate Administrator for Air Traffic Walter Luffsey has been picked by the Administrator to head a special study team to examine the nation's long-

term aviation needs. The assignment is expected to take 18 months. Norbert Owens, AAT-2, is Luffsey's replacement on an acting basis.

Administrator Engen Says, "Buckle Up"

Administrator Engen encourages all FAAers to buckle up their seatbelts. He recently handed out "no spill" captains mugs to car pool drivers at Washington Headquarters as they arrived for work. The Administrator knows personally

the value of the seat belts. About three years ago he was saved from a severe injury or worse by his safety belt. Mike Lenz, FAA's coordinator of the seat belt program, reported that close to 75 percent of the drivers hailed by Engen were wearing their belts.

Holiday Decoration Guidelines Issued

With the holiday season here, Regional Headquarters Building Manager Dave Morgan reminds the occupants of the building of the guidelines for use of Christmas trees and decorations. According to Dave, the following directions must be strictly followed:

1. The use of a natural tree is discouraged. However, if used, the tree:

--Must stand in water or wet sand.

--Must remain clear of combustible materials.

--Shall not exceed two-thirds of the ceiling height, or 15 feet, whichever is applicable.

--Shall not remain in the building more than 14 days.

2. The following conditions prevail, regardless of tree type:

--Electrical ornaments are prohibited.

--Trees shall not obstruct the aisles or exit doors.

--No candles or other heat-producing decorations shall be used.

--All manufactured decorations -- such as crepe paper, flocking and cotton batting -- must be treated to be flame proof.

Cooperation in following these rules will help to make it a safe and enjoyable holiday for all building occupants.