



**fxe** FORT LAUDERDALE  
EXECUTIVE AIRPORT  
2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE AIRPORT MANAGER



On behalf of the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE), we are pleased to provide you with the 2015 Annual Report. With the support and guidance from the Aviation Advisory Board, Fort Lauderdale City Commission, and City Manager's Office, FXE continues to strengthen its position as the premier General Aviation airport in the nation.

This report highlights some of the signature accomplishments that Executive Airport achieved during 2015 in pursuing its core mission of attracting businesses to the area and helping those businesses prosper. A division of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Transportation and Mobility Department, FXE is a high volume operation with a team of professionals overseeing day-to-day operations of the Airport, Industrial Airpark, Downtown Heliport, and Foreign-Trade Zone No. 241. We have a tremendous responsibility to provide the highest quality programs and services to benefit the community.

The 2015 year was an exciting and productive time for the Executive Airport team and Airport tenants. Airport tenants continued to grow their businesses at FXE and, during the past year, completed construction improvement projects valued at approximately \$5.5 million. The FXE team has taken a forward thinking approach by looking toward the future and securing \$2.5 million in grant funding from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to perform design and construction improvements of the existing infrastructure to better serve the tenants and users of the Airport.

This year consisted of numerous exciting improvements to FXE, including the construction of a new LEED Certified Silver U.S. Customs and Border Protection Facility, as well as the construction of a new Air Traffic Control Tower. The development of the Airport reflects trends in business and leisure activity in the surrounding community and parallels the history and growth of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

As professionals, the FXE Team looks forward to the coming year as we continue to strengthen our commitment to attracting businesses to the area, offering assistance and resources to help those businesses prosper, and providing the highest quality programs and services to benefit the community. We are excited about the future of FXE and its positive impact on the aviation and business community in and around Fort Lauderdale. We invite you to keep track of our progress as we continue to build a premier airport facility, where the sky is truly the limit!

Rufus A. James  
Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Manager



## VISION, MISSION AND GOALS

This report highlights many of the signature accomplishments that Executive Airport achieved during 2015 in pursuing its:

### VISION

“To create the finest General Aviation Airport, Industrial Airpark, Helistop and Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) facilities in the nation”

### MISSION

“To attract business to the area, help tenants prosper, and benefit the community”

### GOALS

- » To operate, maintain, and improve the Airport and Downtown Helistop in a manner that optimizes safety, security and efficiency
- » Negotiate and administer Airport and Industrial Airpark leases to maximize revenues to the City and ensure conformance with regulatory requirements
- » Market and promote Executive Airport, Industrial Airpark, Downtown Helistop and FTZ No. 241 to increase awareness of the City’s aviation and non-aviation facilities
- » Serve the aviation needs of the citizens while addressing community and neighborhood issues related to the Airport





## AIRPORT OPERATIONS

The Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Operations Division has experienced another exciting year with 160,000 annual aircraft operations and over 900 based aircraft. This year, Operations staff trained more than 300 tenant employees, provided more than 30 airfield tours, and conducted over 700 airfield and Helistop safety inspections.

### OPERATIONS ACHIEVEMENTS

- » Opened a state-of-the-art 100-foot tall air traffic control tower
- » Opened the new LEED Silver U.S. Customs and Border Protection Facility
- » Completed the East Perimeter Loop Road Construction Project, 3,500 feet in length
- » Maintained ranking as a Top 10 General Aviation airport with over 160,000 aircraft operations
- » Served as home base to 935 aircraft, including jets and helicopters
- » Hosted the 5th Annual Aviation Safety Expo

## NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Implementing the world's first fully integrated Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS) in 1989, Executive Airport's Noise Abatement Program remains one of the most proactive programs in the country. Conducting outreach to pilots and communities and utilizing advanced technology to accurately identify and analyze aircraft noise issues, are tools that have been critical in developing effective noise reduction measures at FXE. The City continues its commitment to expanding, enhancing and supporting the program's objective to reduce aircraft noise and maintain quality of life for our neighbors.

- » Completed FAA Part 150 Noise Exposure Map Update, which benchmarked noise impacts, confirmed that noise levels continued to be reduced, and will serve as an important tool for current and future land use planning
- » Replaced three Noise Monitoring Terminals with upgraded equipment and wireless communications
- » Initiated efforts to lift the runway weight bearing capacity restrictions to enhance productivity of aviation businesses and improve the airport's global status for General Aviation
- » Hosted the Achievements in Community Excellence Award Ceremony honoring Sano Jet Center for their outstanding contributions and participation in airport programs and initiatives, enhancing their business at the airport, encouraging the promotion of business aviation commerce, and benefiting the community
- » Conducted multi-homeowner association Noise Abatement outreach meetings to address noise concerns, provide program information, and answer questions from neighbors



## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



Executive Airport seeks business opportunities and implements initiatives that stimulate revenue growth. Staff encourages joint marketing and promotional opportunities between the Airport, the City, Envision Uptown and area economic development organizations. Ongoing efforts continue as we work with partners to advance opportunities for retention, expansion and workforce development.

Land has been cleared and is ready for development on seven vacant parcels at FXE. Plans are in place to evaluate the highest and best use for these properties.

New Aviation Prime and Sub Tenants Registered in 2015:

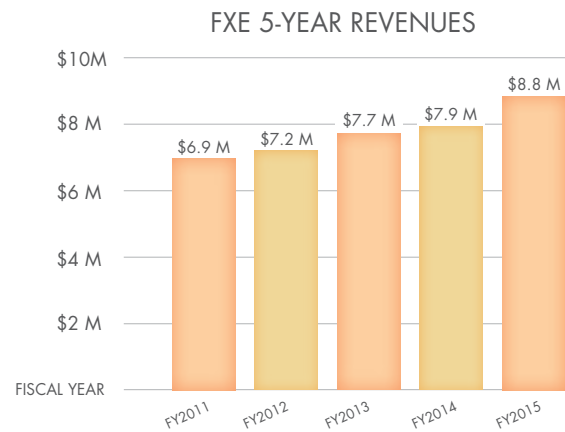
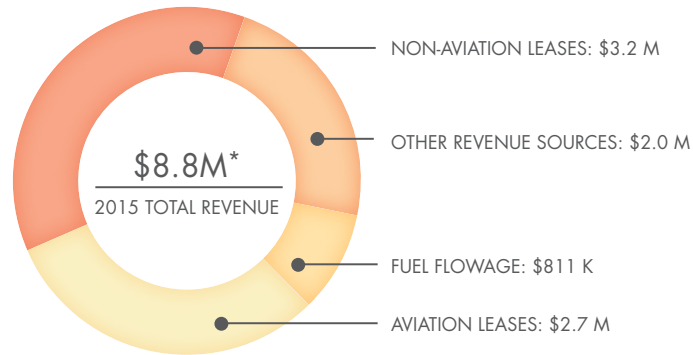
- » Addvalora Global Loss Adjusters
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- » Ascension Aircraft
- » Touch N Go Aeroworks
- » Millennium Health, LLC
- » Sheltair FXE Northside, LLC

We are excited about the future of FXE and its positive impact on the aviation and business community in and around Fort Lauderdale.



# FY 2015 FINANCIAL REVIEW

Fiscal Year 2015 was an impressive year for Executive Airport. Revenues totaled \$8.8M\*, a 9% increase compared with Fiscal Year 2014. This increase in revenues can be attributed to renegotiated leases for hangar developments and office buildings, the sale of airport land, and annual land lease market adjustments.



\* As of 1/30/2016 – All budget numbers included in this report are unaudited and will be updated after the City's FY2015 Comprehensive Annual Finance Report (CAFR) has been issued.



## TRAINING AND AWARDS



### AWARDS

- » AAAE ANTN – Airport Award of Training Excellence 2015
- » Fort Lauderdale FXE Air Traffic Control Tower – 2015 Community Appearance WOW award for a municipal facility
- » International Economic Development – fDi Intelligence American Cities of the Future – 2 Awards “Best Economic Potential” and “Best Overall”

### STAFF TRAINING

- » AAAE - Airport Law Workshop
- » FDOT/FAC – Airport Leadership Development Class
- » FDOT/FAC – Electrical Safety for Airfield Lighting Systems Maintenance
- » Florida Airports Council – Specialty and Annual Conference’s
- » PASSUR User Conference
- » Climate Change and Sustainability
- » Q-Alert Training
- » Cyber Security Training
- » American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)
- » Airport Training and Safety Institute (ATSI) program
- » Finance Process for Grants Managers
- » Hands-on CPR
- » FEMA Disaster paperwork training

# AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD

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*We would also like to thank the following 2015 members  
who served on the board earlier this year:*

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