



**August 24, 2015**

## **Hartsfield-Jackson Hosts 14th Annual Runway “FOD” Walk**

*Hundreds of airport employees expected to attend and clear runway of debris*

**ATLANTA** – Hundreds of employees will wake up early to walk and clear debris from Hartsfield-Jackson’s 8L/26R runway on Wednesday morning. The 14th Annual Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Walk is expected to attract more than 200 Airport volunteers. FOD inspections take place numerous times every day at Hartsfield-Jackson to keep runways clear of debris which could cause serious damage to aircraft. Once a year, Airport volunteers walk the 9,000 foot runway and complement daily inspections. Airport officials will close Runway 8L/26R and the north cargo ramp for about 30 minutes to enable employees to search for and remove FOD.

**WHO:**

Department of Aviation and airline employees

**WHAT:**

FOD Walk along Runway 8L/26R Opportunity for video of hundreds of volunteers walking runway and clearing debris

**WHEN:**

Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. (doors open / event starts)

**WHERE:**

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

North Cargo Building – 3400 Inner Loop Road, Hapeville, GA 30354

**Notes:**

For security reasons, media interested in attending must RSVP with full name and date of birth to [deallous.smith@atlanta-airport.com](mailto:deallous.smith@atlanta-airport.com) by Tuesday, August 25 at 2 p.m.

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### **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 96.1 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 employees. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, architectural engineering and construction – including the 2013 Global Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society, 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine. ATL has completed more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, including a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED-certified international terminal and aesthetic and functional upgrades to its concourses, people movers and parking services. For more information, go to [www.atlanta-airport.com](http://www.atlanta-airport.com). Check out the Airport's YouTube channel by visiting [www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield](http://www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield), follow us on Twitter (@Atlanta\_Airport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).

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