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**Hartsfield-Jackson Hosts 15<sup>th</sup> Annual FOD Walk**  
*Runway cleanup begins daylong focus on safety issues at ATL*

**ATLANTA** – Nearly 100 Airport employees will wake up early Wednesday, Aug. 24 to walk and clear debris from Hartsfield-Jackson’s Runway 8L-26R. It’s all part of the 15th Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Walk, an annual event aimed at promoting safety and security issues at ATL.

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 the daily inspections conducted by ATL airside operations employees. 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.

This year’s FOD Walk will kick off the first-ever OneATL Safety Always Safety Fest, a daylong event designed to enhance the safety and operational awareness of ATL employees and stakeholders through a series of educational presentations and exhibits. In addition, ATL employees will celebrate and recognize the top safety achievements at the world’s most traveled airport.

**WHO:**

- Department of Aviation and airline employees

**WHAT:**

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

**WHEN:**

- Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 6 a.m. (doors open / event starts)

**WHERE:**

- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport  
North Cargo Building – 3400 Inner Loop Road, Hapeville, GA 30354

**NOTES FOR THE MEDIA:**

- For security reasons, media interested in attending must RSVP with full name and date of birth to [media@atl.com](mailto:media@atl.com) by 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23.

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**Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's most traveled and most efficient airport, serving more than 101 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, sustainability, architectural engineering, and construction. ATL is now in the midst of a \$6 billion capital improvement plan, ATL Next, that will modernize the domestic terminal and concourses, create new parking decks, construct a 300-room hotel, Class A commercial office space, add a new runway, new concourse and expand cargo facilities. For more information, go to [www.atlanta-airport.com](http://www.atlanta-airport.com).

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