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Media Advisory

Hartsfield-Jackson Hosts 16th Annual FOD Walk

Runway cleanup begins daylong focus on ATL's safety

**MEDIA INTERESTED IN ATTENDING MUST NOTE REQUIREMENTS AND LOCATION
BELOW**

ATLANTA – Nearly 100 Airport employees will rise early Wednesday, August 23, to walk and clear Foreign Object Debris (FOD) from one of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport's (ATL) runways. It's all part of the 16th annual ATL FOD Walk, an event promoting safety and security at the world's busiest and most efficient airport.

FOD inspections occur throughout the day to keep ATL runways clear of debris, which could cause serious damage to aircraft. During the FOD Walk, Airport officials close Runway 8L-26R and the North Cargo ramp for about 30 minutes so Airport volunteers can walk the 9,000-foot runway and complement inspections conducted by ATL airside operations.

This year's FOD Walk will kick off the OneATL Safety and Risk Management Expo, a daylong event highlighting safety and operational awareness at ATL through a series of educational presentations and exhibits. In addition, top safety achievements by ATL employees and stakeholders will be recognized.

- WHO:** Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport employees
ATL partner employees
- WHAT:** FOD Walk along Runway 8L-26R
(opportunity for sunrise video of volunteers walking runway and clearing debris)
- WHEN:** 6 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23 (doors open/event starts)
- WHERE:** Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
North Cargo Building
3400 Inner Loop Road

Hapeville, GA 30354
(Immediately adjacent to Fire Station 24)

NOTES FOR MEDIA:

As this event is post-security, attending media must RSVP with full name and date of birth of each member to media@atl.com by 4 p.m Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Media who arrive after 6:30 a.m. will not be allowed on the airfield

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 104 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and 70 international destinations in more than 50 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 program, ATLNext, that will modernize the Domestic Terminal and concourses, create new parking decks, construct a 440-room hotel, Class A commercial office space, add a new runway, new concourse and expand cargo facilities. For more information, visit www.atl.com.

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