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Leeds Bradford Airport to participate in the inaugural UK Airports Safety Week

Monday 19th September 2016: Leeds Bradford Airport is today beginning its participation in the first ever 'Airports Safety Week', in conjunction with national body Airport Operators Association and supported by the Civil Aviation Authority.

From today until Sunday 25 September, Leeds Bradford Airport will host events for staff and the staff members of companies operating in and around the airport. This initiative has been organised to demonstrate and promote the industry's approach to safety and safety culture.

The AOA UK Airports Safety Week 2016 is an opportunity to engage, inspire and educate about airports' safety culture and philosophy. Achieving UK airports' excellent safety culture depends on the successful collaboration of many different partners. Whether landside or airside, the commitment of every person is essential to the delivery of the safest possible environment for all.

The AOA UK Airports Safety Week also demonstrates how airport safety is an integral part of the communities that airports serve, both by providing a safe and enjoyable travel experience to passengers as well as by providing important employment opportunities, including through apprenticeships.

Leeds Bradford Airport will this week run a series of bespoke operational demonstrations, talks and tours looking at fire operations, aircraft refuelling, snow equipment, habitat management and airfield management.

Tony Hallwood, Aviation Development Director at Leeds Bradford Airport, said: "Safety is at the very heart of everything we do in the aviation industry and so this provides a great opportunity for any staff members who are not involved in the operational side at LBA to see how daily operations are managed safely.

"We are continually growing our passenger numbers at LBA and this is only made possible by the teams of people on site delivering smooth running of everyday operations in a safe manner. Airport Safety Week is a great way of recognising the crucial work that is not always seen and we are looking forward to an interesting and successful week ahead."

Chief Executive of the AOA, Darren Caplan, said: "Airports are like towns and cities where safety affects everyone from passengers to airline, airport and air traffic control staff. UK airports work hard every day to provide passengers with an enjoyable and safe travel experience. If we do our work right, much of this work will go unnoticed by passengers and staff alike.

"The AOA UK Airports Safety Week will be an opportunity to learn more about everyone's role and contribution as well as a chance to say thanks to the many thousands of workers who make UK aviation and airports one of the safest in the world."

AOA Operations and Safety Director, Roger Koukkoullis said: "UK airports live and breathe safety every day. The UK aviation sector is one of the most important in Europe and on the world stage. The

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standards of safety at our airports are amongst the best in the world because we work collaboratively with all stakeholders.

“AOA UK Airports Safety Week will promote learning both between airports and across different functions. It will show that continuous safe delivery of multiple activities is influenced by many individuals and teams at airports, in control towers, on board aircraft and in the offices.

“With passenger numbers growing at a record pace, AOA UK Airports Safety Week is an opportunity to demonstrate how the sector is not only working for the safety of passengers and staff today but also developing for the future.”

Photo caption

Terminal team members Mia Bradbury, Lauren Creevy and Gary Chapman are given a demonstration by the Blue watch team members at LBA; Crew Manager Matt Nicholson and fire fighter John Dobson.



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