

The Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC)
Comprehensive Airport Inspection
January 2 – March 28, 2014

Non-SSI TALKING POINTS

Event:

On April 19, 2014 an individual breached the SJC perimeter by allegedly scaling a 10' fence with barbed wire. The individual alleges to have accessed a Hawaiian Airlines aircraft parked on the ramp and hid in the aircraft's landing gear wheel well; remaining there during a flight to Kahului Airport.

Discussion:

The TSA inspector work force conducts routine inspections and outreaches of airports and airlines.

- From January 2, 2014 to March 28, 2014, inspectors completed a comprehensive inspection of SJC airport: a total of 82.5 hours. SJC was found to be in compliance with its security requirements for perimeter systems and measures; including the fence line. A comprehensive inspection includes areas such as:
 - An overall review of a regulated entity's airside and landside operations, as defined in its TSA-approved Airport Security Program,
 - A review of the perimeter security through physical barriers and electronic access control systems,
 - A review of the airport's complete badging systems, controls, and specifications for use,
 - A review of all training requirements associated with the airport's operation,
 - A review of applicable law enforcement support; which includes standards and availability,
 - A review of the contingency plans (example: incidents and threats),
 - The airport's adherence to TSA issued specific security directives.
 - On August 22, 2013 an Outreach was conducted with the airport operator, to discuss the results of a Perimeter and Access Control Study done in September 2012. This study was initiated in response to General Accounting Office Audit 09-399, Recommendation 1 – "Perimeter and Access Control Security". During this outreach the following topics were discussed:
 - Use of arresting cable for fence support,
 - Perimeter access gates leading into the secured area,
 - Protection of roof access doors.
- SJC has not made any additional enhancements to the areas listed above.
- SJC has an ongoing project to enhance its standards for the perimeter fence line; the improvements do not include arresting cable, but do include the use a 36" K-Rail barrier as well as fiber glass slats. Upgrades will continue as time and funds permit.