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Dear Mr. Thompson:

I would like to thank you for your letter expressing concern about the implementation of 24-hour security at Pierce County Airport – Thun Field. I would also like to congratulate you on the expansion of your business operation. Pierce County values your business and we seek to make the airport a professional and safe place to conduct business.

The decision to implement 24-hour security at the airport was made after Airport and Ferry division staff completed an assessment of airport characteristics. The facility assessment included many considerations, such as: the airport's location within a major population center and within Class B airspace, the number of based aircraft, the number of annual operations, and the types of operations at the airport. They also reviewed the criminal activity experienced in and around the airport over the last several years. It was determined that while the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) does not require it, they do strongly encourage the use of 24-hour perimeter access control.

In the coming weeks you may notice other improvements to airport fencing, in addition to the vehicular controls now in place, in order to limit casual pedestrian access to the airport. We are also making improvements to lighting, enhancing security procedures and airport signage, as well as developing a community watch program. Pierce County is phasing-in the same procedures at Tacoma Narrows Airport; these procedures are very common to general aviation airports of our size and type.

Creating a professional, safe, secure and accessible business environment is critical to the success of the airport and our tenants. To ensure that airport customers have access to the airport, the electronic keypad at each gate has been programmed to allow customers to call the businesses at the airport. Signage was added at each gate to provide 24-hour contact information for county staff.

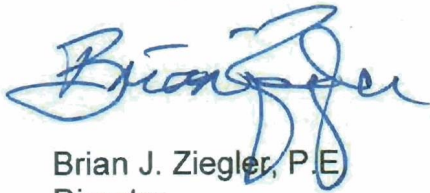


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Over the past year, the Thun Field Advisory Commission (TFAC) and the Tacoma Narrows Airport Advisory Commission (TNAAC) have discussed security measures at both airports with county staff. Our staff has coordinated with airport tenants on the implementation of security measures. These discussions helped staff to decide upon the best system to implement at the airports.

I invite you to work with Deb Wallace, Airport and Ferry Administrator, to make the transition into the new system as effective as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Ziegler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" being the most prominent part.

Brian J. Ziegler, P.E.
Director

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ecc: Deb Wallace, Administrator, Airport and Ferry Division