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TO: Falcon Field Airport Tenants & Users  
FROM: Jeff Tripp, Airport Projects Supervisor  
Date: April 6, 2009  
RE: Changes to the Airport's Traffic Pattern Altitudes (TPA)

Dear Airport Tenants and Users,

**Effective Wednesday, April 1, 2009**, the Federal Aviation Administration officially approved the Airport's request to modify the existing Traffic Pattern Altitudes for aircraft using Falcon Field. The Airport, in coordination with the Falcon Airport Traffic Control Tower, requested the modifications to the airport's Traffic Pattern Altitudes for the light aircraft and large/turbine-powered aircraft. The TPA for helicopter operations will not be affected.

This change is part of the airport's on-going Noise Abatement Program and is intended to help reduce the impacts of aviation noise on the surrounding communities. This modification to the TPA also brings Falcon Field into line with FAA Advisory Circular 90-66A that recommends that airplanes observe a 1,000-foot above ground level (AGL) pattern altitude for light aircraft and 1,500-foot AGL pattern altitude for large and turbine-powered aircraft.

	Previous TPA		New TPA	
	MSL	AGL	MSL	AGL
Helicopters	1,900	/ 506	1,900	/ 506
Light Aircraft	2,200	/ 806	2,400	/ 1,006
Large/Turbine-powered Aircraft	2,700	/ 1,306	2,900	/ 1,506

The TPA modification has been published in the most current edition of the Airport/Facility Directory (effective March 12, 2009 through May 7, 2009). Please distribute this change to your employees and customers. Thank you. Please feel free to contact me at 480-644-4230 or [Jeffrey.tripp@mesaaz.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.tripp@mesaaz.gov) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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