

## Transportation Security Council Links

[Airport Councils International](#) (ACI-NA) is the largest of the six worldwide regions of Airports Council International (ACI), the authoritative voice of air carrier airports worldwide. ACI-NA (Airport Councils International-North America) airport members enplane 95% of all domestic and virtually all of the international airline passenger and air cargo traffic in North America. The mission of ACI-NA is to advocate policies and provide services that strengthen the ability of air carrier airports to serve their passengers, customers, and communities.

[American Association of Port Authorities](#) (AAPA) is a trade association which represents more than 150 public port authorities in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America. In addition, Association members include more than 300 sustaining and associate members -- firms and individuals with an interest in the seaports of the Western Hemisphere. AAPA is dedicated to serving deep draft public ports by enhancing port management professionalism, and advocating issues critical to public seaports. AAPA promotes the common interests of the port community, and provides leadership on trade, transportation, environmental and other issues related to port development and operations. AAPA also works to educate the public, media, local, state and Federal legislators about the essential role ports play within the global transportation system.

[American Trucking Associations](#) (ATA) is an association whose mission is to serve and represent the interests of the trucking industry with one united voice; to influence in a positive manner Federal and State governmental actions; to advance the trucking industry's image, efficiency, competitiveness, and profitability; to provide educational programs and industry research; to promote safety and security on our nation's highways and among our drivers; and to strive for a healthy business environment.

[Aviation Crime Prevention Institute](#) (ACPI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the elimination of aviation related crime through education of the aviation industry worldwide, cooperation between the Aviation Industry and Law Enforcement Agencies; and communication of information and security procedures to all.

[Aviation Safety Institute](#) is a non-profit aviation safety research center with headquarters in Worthington, Ohio. Since 1973 they have studied the most overlooked, most important area of aviation safety: operational incidents which but for one or more missing links would be accidents.

[Bureau of Consular Affairs](#) is part of the United States Department of State. The mission of the Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) is to administer laws, formulate regulations and implement policies relating to the broad range of consular services and immigration. The Consular Affairs Office of Overseas Citizens Services advises and supports US citizens and our embassies and consulates around the world in such matters as: deaths, arrests, robberies, citizenship and nationality, Federal benefits, notarization of documents, international parental child abduction, and international adoptions. To assist the traveling public, the bureau issues consular information sheets, travel warnings, and public announcements concerning conditions in countries where Americans may be planning to visit or reside. The Bureau is responsible for issuing passports to U.S. citizens and issuing all non-immigrant and immigrant visas.

[Business Anti-Smuggling Coalition](#) (BASC) is a business-led alliance, supported by the U.S. Customs Service, created to combat narcotics smuggling via commercial trade. BASC is a voluntary program where corporate participants set self-imposed business standards to eliminate

the use of legitimate business shipments by narcotics traffickers to smuggle illicit drugs. The program examines the entire process of manufacturing and shipping merchandise from foreign countries to the United States, to help create a more security-conscious environment at foreign manufacturing plants and to reduce or eliminate product vulnerability to narcotics smuggling. By examining packing and shipping practices and identifying and correcting deficiencies along the spectrum of the import process, businesses can reduce their exposure to the likelihood their shipments will be used as narcotics smuggling vehicles.

[Cruise Lines International Association](#) (CLIA) is the official trade organization of the cruise industry. CLIA also works in partnership with nearly 17,000 affiliated travel agencies throughout North America to ensure the highest caliber of cruise sales expertise and service for cruise vacationers. The function of CLIA is to promote the cruise product generically to both the selling agent and buying public through the broad activities of travel agent training, public relations and advertising. CLIA's end objective is to raise awareness about the cruise experience.

[Federal Aviation Administration](#) (FAA) is a Federal agency under the Department of Transportation. The mission of the FAA is to provide the safest, most efficient aerospace system in the world. Their vision is to improve the safety and efficiency of aviation, while being responsive to customers and accountable to the public.

[Foreseeable Risk Analysis Center](#) (FRAC) was established in 1991 in response to the public demand for a centralized information source on issues of traveler security. Since its establishment, FRAC has expanded its role to provide information of interest and importance to segments of the public wanting to know about residential, commercial, industrial and institutional security. The focus of FRAC is to analyze safety and security event data in an effort to identify how future incidents can be avoided. They are dedicated to providing information to anyone concerned about the foreseeable risks of loss or injury resulting from safety and security vulnerabilities.

[Healthtips Worldwide](#) is a website operated by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). It gives travelers info, by region and country, about the safety of traveling to a particular destination. Include updates on disease alerts, food and water safety, vaccinations, and traveling with children and pets.

[ICC Commercial Crime Services](#) (CCS) is the anti-crime arm of the International Chamber of Commerce. Based in the UK, CCS is a membership organization tasked with combating all forms of commercial crime. Backed by the International Chamber of Commerce and two decades of solid achievement, CCS is uniquely positioned at the forefront of the global fight against commercial crime. Their flexible structure is well placed to help companies and individuals find answers to the problems and uncertainties inherent in trading in a world in which frontiers and national jurisdictions often seem irrelevant.

[International Air Transport Association](#) (IATA) is the prime vehicle for inter-airline cooperation in promoting safe, reliable, secure and economical air services - for the benefit of the world's consumers. The international scheduled air transport industry is now more than 100 times larger than it was in 1945. Few industries can match the dynamism of that growth, which would have been much less spectacular without the standards, practices and procedures developed within IATA. At its founding, IATA had 57 Members from 31 nations, mostly in Europe and North America. Today it has over 270 Members from more than 140 nations in every part of the globe.

The modern IATA is the successor to the International Air Traffic Association founded in the Hague in 1919 - the year of the world's first international scheduled services.

[International Cargo Security Council](#) (ICSC) is a professional association of cargo transportation and security professionals from the entire spectrum of cargo security: air, truck/rail, maritime, and intermodal. Its success hinges on each member's personal concern for the safe and secure movement of the nation's commerce.

[International Civil Aviation Organization](#) (ICAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations. ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency and regularity, as well as for aviation environmental protection. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 189 Contracting States.

[International Maritime Organization](#) (IMO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations which is responsible for measures to improve the safety and security of international shipping and to prevent marine pollution from ships. It also is involved in legal matters, including liability and compensation issues and the facilitation of international maritime traffic. It was established by means of a Convention adopted under the auspices of the United Nations in Geneva on 17 March 1948 and met for the first time in January 1959. It currently has 166 Member States.

[International Parking Institute](#) (IPI) is an organization whose purpose is to provide leadership, education, technical resources and information to the parking profession and related fields. Due to IPI's leadership, the parking industry is now recognized worldwide as a vital and formidable multi-billion-dollar industry serving just about every area of the corporate world today. IPI is a trade organization founded in 1962 to represent the marketing, economical and political concerns of its members, made up of parking professionals found in virtually every area of corporate America. IPI's regular members include major transit authorities, airports, hospitals, universities, corporate complexes, shopping centers, state and federal government agencies, hospitals, convention and sports centers, theme parks, hotels, and casinos.

[Journeywoman](#) is an online travel resource just for women. It contains the latest and best information on: how to avoid the single supplement; the best gal-friendly travel websites; traveling waist-watcher tips; mini reviews of moderate female-friendly hotels; go-alone restaurants 'round the world; great tours; safety tips, free travel stuff; and shopping ideas.

[Maritime Law Enforcement Academy](#) (MLE) was established in 2004 at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Charleston, South Carolina to provide Coast Guard personnel the necessary skills to conduct their jobs as federal law enforcement officers. As a key member of the Department of Homeland Security, the Coast Guard has been designated as the lead federal agency for maritime law enforcement. The Coast Guard is on the front lines of the nation's layered homeland security strategy and is instrumental in securing our nation's maritime domain. The MLE Academy will ensure that law enforcement officers continue to receive the best training and allow us to train maritime law enforcement officers at all levels of federal, state and local law enforcement. Collocation at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), which is recognized as the premier provider of law enforcement training for many federal agencies, will provide opportunities for coordinated professional development of Coast Guard personnel with personnel from other law enforcement agencies.

[Maritime Security Council](#) (MSC) was created in 1988 to address the many security concerns of the U.S. and international maritime community. The MSC is a member-driven organization that works closely with United States and other government agencies concerned with commercial vessel security. The MSC has established partnerships with a number of these agencies in its efforts to prevent illegal drug trafficking, stowaways, theft, piracy, terrorism, and hijacking and represents the interests of ocean cargo carriers, cruise lines, ports, and related industries. In 2000, the MSC was appointed as the Technical Advisor to the U.S. State Department on maritime security and counterterrorism and works closely with the Overseas Security Advisory Council. The MSC is also an advisor to INTERPOL on maritime security issues.

[National Maritime Law Enforcement Academy](#) (NMLEA) is a non profit organization which promotes and produces training programs designed to provide the law enforcement officer or agent the training and experience necessary to conduct professional, safe, and effective operations afloat. Through lecture, lab, and practical exercise, the students will increase their level of awareness and confidence in handling the most difficult and challenging of situations they are likely to encounter upon the waters of their jurisdiction. Further, it is our hope to assist law enforcement agencies in developing a properly equipped and highly trained staff to better serve and protect the members of their communities.

[National Security Institute](#) (NSI), established in 1985, provides a variety of professional information and security awareness services to defense contractor, government and industrial security executives throughout the United States. NSI's central business is helping clients interpret and implement government security directives and establish sound security strategies that effectively safeguard classified and proprietary information. They accomplish this through the publication of newsletters, special reports, seminars and electronically via this world wide web site and online security awareness programs.

[Overseas Security Advisory Council](#) (OSAC) is a Federal Advisory Committee with a U.S. Government Charter to promote security cooperation between American business and private sector interests worldwide and the U.S. Department of State as well as other US Government Agencies. OSAC currently encompasses the 34-member core Council, an Executive Office, over 100 Country Councils, and more than 2,700 constituent member organizations, 600 associates and 5 US Government Agencies (US Agency for International Development, US Chamber of Commerce, US Department of Commerce, US Department of Treasury). The increase in terrorism over the last 25 years and the continuing threat against U.S. interests overseas has forced many American companies to seek advice and assistance from the U.S. Government, particularly the State Department. In 1985, a handful of chief executive officers from prominent American companies met with then Secretary of State George P. Shultz to promote cooperation between the American private sector worldwide and the U.S. Government on security issues. The subsequent establishment of the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) has developed into an enormously successful joint venture. Today over 2,700 U.S. companies, educational institutions, religious and non-governmental organizations are constituents of OSAC. The Council provides a forum for best practices and provides the tools needed to cope with today's ever-changing challenges and security-related issues abroad.

[Transportation Loss Prevention and Security Association](#) (TLPSA) was established to serve the claims/loss prevention personnel working within the trucking industry. It was formerly the National Freight Claims Council, a part of the American Trucking Associations. The association deals with Claim Handling, Claim Prevention and Security issues in relation to shipping cargo.

[Transportation Security Administration](#) (TSA) was created in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 as part of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act signed into law by President George W. Bush on November 19, 2001. TSA was originally in the Department of Transportation but was moved to the Department of Homeland Security in March 2003. TSA's mission is to protect the nation's transportation systems by ensuring the freedom of movement for people and commerce. In February 2002, TSA assumed responsibility for security at the nation's airports and by the end of the year had deployed a federal work force to meet challenging Congressional deadlines for screening all passengers and baggage.

[TSA Travel Tips](#) is a website, operated by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) that gives travelers the latest information on security issues that will affect any traveling they might be doing. Includes Security Alert Status (Yellow, Orange, etc.), wait times at security checkpoints, and specific information on traveling by air, highway, water, rail and mass transit.