

Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #38

In this edition: A new airline is headed to FLL, State Representative visits, transportation podcast spotlights CEO, airport security protocols tested, new concession opens, and more.



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(FLL)

A Message From the CEO

Dear Friends,

With August in the rearview, it's hard to believe only four months remain in 2023. Still, as imminent as it sounds, there's a lot of ground left to cover before 2023 takes its final bow. For this region, chief among our to-do list is ongoing hurricane preparedness. With the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season – September 10 – near and with most storm activity occurring by mid-October (possibly later if extreme weather persists), it's essential to double-check emergency supplies and storm response plans to be ready for anything that may come.

For some, travel planning for a fall or winter trip could also be a top priority as summer vacation winds down with schools' resumption. So, where are you planning to jet away next? Wherever it is, the FLL team looks forward to welcoming passengers during the remainder of the year, whether traveling for business or leisure.

As September unfolds, key airport events on tap include the "FLL Will Never Forget" 9/11 Patriot Day commemoration and Honor Flight South Florida's 29th Veterans Operation Homecoming on September 23. Sharing the spotlight that same day will be a Women in Aviation International Girls in Aviation Day event at Sheltair, which aims to introduce more females to aerospace and aviation careers.

Looking ahead, FLL is poised to add a string of new airlines to expand flying options for South Florida travelers further. International carrier EL AL Israel Airlines is launching six seasonal flights between FLL and Tel Aviv in September and October for the Jewish holidays. Porter Airlines will debut as our newest Canadian carrier with Ottawa and Toronto service by late November. Start-up boutique airline BermudAir – the first national airliner for Bermuda – is also eyeing FLL as one of its initial U.S. destinations with flights set to begin in September. If all goes as planned, we look forward to sharing more details about BermudAir in our next issue. On April 15, EL AL will expand to year-round FLL-Tel Aviv service.

During the past month, we reflected on National Aviation Day (August 19), recognizing air travel's importance in connecting people and transporting essential goods across the U.S. and globally. At a glance, airlines at FLL operate an average of over 600 scheduled flights daily to 98 U.S. cities and offer global connectivity to 50 international destinations in 24 countries. This robust airline portfolio and route map highlights FLL's pivotal role in our region.

Be well and stay safe!

Mark

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The Sky's the Limit

July passenger traffic recap

Airport Statistics	Current Month	2022 Month	Year-Over-Year Difference	2019 Month
Total Passengers	2,959,644	2,765,923	7%	3,131,019
Domestic Passengers	2,244,584	2,103,025	6.7%	2,305,439
International Passengers	715,060	662,898	7.9%	825,580

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Airline Happenings

New destinations close and far

Canadian carrier [Porter Airlines](#) officially announced on August 24 plans to begin service to five Florida destinations, including Fort Lauderdale. With its new Embraer E195-E2 aircraft, Porter will operate to FLL from Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Ottawa International Airport (YOW). The YYZ and YOW routes will begin on November 30, with one daily roundtrip flight.

On August 21, [Silver Airways](#) began daily nonstop service between FLL and Gainesville Regional Airport.



Visiting Art Exhibit

Sculptures Pre-security, Terminal 3

Artist [Luna Palazzolo's](#) exhibit, *Closer*, was on display pre-security in Terminal 3 from August 4-27. The exhibit was made up of an underpainting, which is an initial layer of paint applied to a canvas, and three sculptures. The underpainting was created by transforming a three-decade-old industrial blue chalk container into gesso, typically used as paint primer. The sculptures were made from concrete, and three words, "closer, together, now," appear repeatedly across each one. Palazzolo invited viewers to challenge norms, reflect, and navigate the complexity of personal identity and societal expectations.



State Representative Visits FLL

Dunkley gets airside tour

Florida House of Representatives [Lisa Dunkley](#) visited the airport on August 16. She met with Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) Chief Administrative Officer Celina Saucedo, who accompanied her on an airside tour of FLL to see some flight operations up close from the airfield.

Dunkley was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2022, serving District 97, which includes the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, North Lauderdale, Plantation, Sunrise, and Tamarac. She is a proud military veteran who has lived and worked in District 97 for over 25 years. Prior to that, Dunkley worked for the Department of Transportation.



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Podcast Spotlights FLL CEO

Talking aviation

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) podcast, “Let’s Talk Transportation,” interviewed FLL CEO/Director of Aviation Mark Gale this month in celebration of National Aviation Week, which began on August 19. The podcast session covered several topics ranging from Gale’s background, the status of FLL currently to the future projects in store for the airport. The podcast will be published [here](#) this fall.



BCAD Security Exercise

Yearly security preparedness

On August 18, the BCAD Security Division conducted its annual Aviation Security (AVSEC) tabletop training exercise, "Operation Red Fox," with dozens of airport stakeholders as part of ongoing efforts to hone FLL's emergency response communications and protocols. CEO/Director of Aviation Mark Gale gave opening remarks before the exercise began.

The first scenario tested contingency plans and response to a potential bomb threat in one of the terminals. A secondary segment of this Transportation Security Administration (TSA) mandated AVSEC Training included reviewing procedures for responding to an unmanned aerial system or drone hovering and landing on an active airport runway.

The participants included BCAD, the TSA, Broward Sheriff's Office, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting, the FAA, JetBlue, and others. Each entity highlighted their responsibilities, procedures, and communications efforts that would occur to protect the safety of individuals and minimize the impact on airport operations.



Canine Companions Tour

Service pups in training

Canine Companions stopped by FLL on August 15. Vee, Torin, Bella, Gage, and their human companions got a tour of the airport's sights and sounds and walked through the TSA process. Canine Companions trains dogs to become service animals for adults, children, and veterans with disabilities and facility dogs to professionals working in healthcare, criminal justice, and educational settings.



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FLL Update for Pompano COC

CEO delivers keynote address

The Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce (COC) held its Board of Directors and Trustee Luncheon on August 10. FLL's CEO/Director of Aviation, Mark Gale, was the keynote speaker who gave an update on FLL's current status and the airport's future outlook.



FLL Welcomes Athletes

Jewish Community Centers (JCC) unite

The Greater Fort Lauderdale area hosted the 2023 JCC Maccabi Games & Access on August 6-11, and attendees from around the globe traveled through FLL. The JCC Maccabi Games is an Olympic-style sporting competition for Jewish teenagers held every summer where athletes from ages 12-16 compete in sports such as baseball, basketball, table tennis, and swimming.



We're Over the Moon!

FLL adds Argentinian inspired delights

A [Half Moon Empanadas](#) kiosk officially opened post-security in Terminal 2, Concourse D, on August 4. HMS Host's newest eatery offers passengers tasty artisanal empanadas from classic beef and chicken to even a Nutella dessert option. Coffee drinks and bottled beverages are also available, making this a perfect snack option for when you're on the go.

FLL BY THE NUMBERS: JULY 2023

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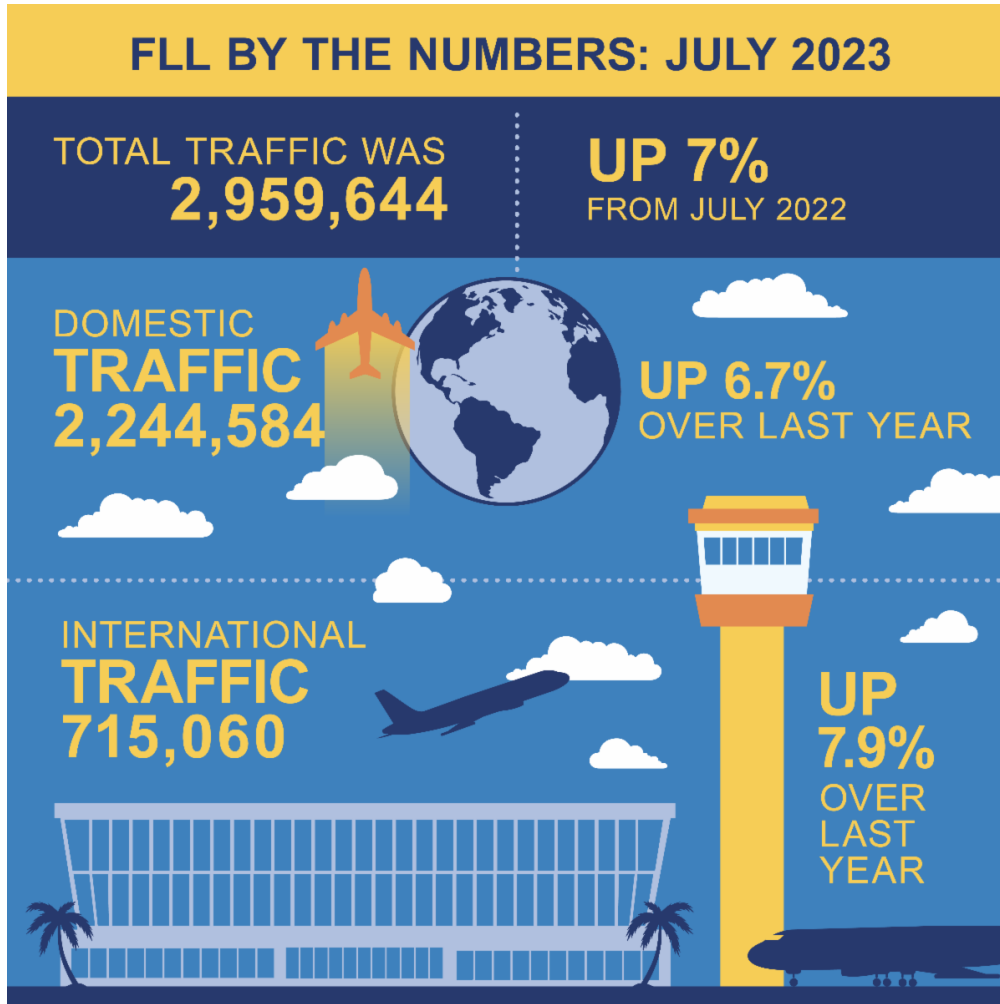
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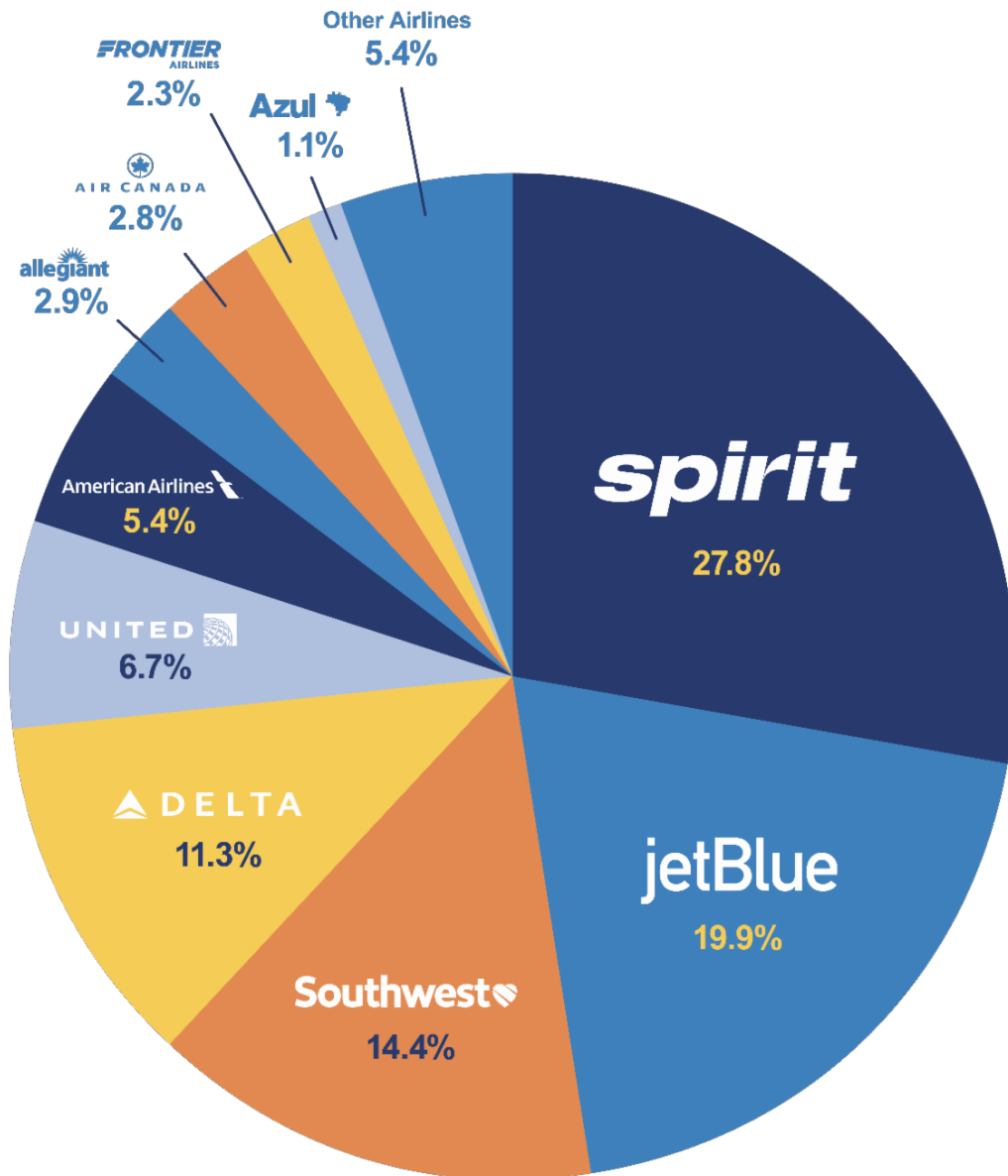
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