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### **County airport honored for ongoing support**

The Snohomish County Airport, also known as Paine Field, has received the Washington Pilots Association's inaugural President's Award.

The association honored the airport's director, Dave Waggoner, and his staff for their continuous support of and partnership with the organization.

For decades, the Washington Pilots Association has operated a local chapter at Paine Field. Through that cooperative relationship, both have been able to better promote aviation training, education and enjoyment.

"Our chapter is incredibly fortunate to have the support of Snohomish County Airport Director Dave Waggoner and the entire airport staff," said WPA President Kevin Kelley. "Our success as one of the largest chapters in our organization can be attributed, in part, to our close working relationship with the Paine Field staff."

For years, county staff has supported WPA-run programs such as the General Aviation Day, Aviation Academy and Science of Flight for Teachers. Kelley said this continuous service earned Paine Field the group's first President's Award.

"We are honored by the recognition and appreciate the support of the Washington Pilots Association," Waggoner said. "The WPA-Paine Field partnership is a key to building our reputation as the Airport of Choice."

The Snohomish County Airport has 615 based aircraft and 150,000 takeoffs and landings annually. There are about 50 businesses, employing 3,250 people, operating at the airport. These businesses provide a full array of aviation services, ranging from small one-person operations to Goodrich, which employs more than 2,000 people.

Additionally, more than 25,000 people are currently employed at the Everett Boeing facility, which utilizes the airport on a daily basis.

The WPA's Paine Field chapter claims more than 100 members.

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