

Colorado Springs Airport Names New Aviation Director



Greg Phillips, A.A.E.

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO - Greg Phillips, executive director of aviation at the Eagle County Regional Airport, has been named aviation director for the Colorado Springs Airport, starting Jan. 30.

Phillips has 12 years of experience in airport management, including four years in Eagle County, where he brought five new routes including service to Toronto, Los Angeles, Houston, Phoenix and Washington, D.C. He previously was director of the Pangborn Memorial Airport in East Wenatchee, Wash., and had been deputy director of the Missoula International Airport and airport manager for the Bend Municipal Airport in Oregon.

"Greg brings strong relationships with many of the airlines that serve the Colorado Springs Airport, and has displayed a strong track record of success in a variety of aviation-related capacities, including airport operations and project management," said Mayor John Suthers. "The Colorado Springs Airport is on an impressive growth track and we are confident that Greg is the right person to continue that trend."

Phillips holds an engineering degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served as a helicopter pilot and Army Ranger. After leaving the military, Phillips worked as an engineering project manager for Boeing Co. and was an engineer and project manager in the Airports Division of the Federal Aviation Administration, where he was responsible for public airport construction and grant funding for all public airports in Oregon. He was later promoted to deputy program manager for the agency's project team overseeing the design and construction of Denver International Airport.

He serves as president of the Northwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives and was named Oregon State Airport Manager of the Year in 2006.

Phillips replaces Dan Gallagher, who resigned in October to become director of aviation business and finance with the Massachusetts Port Authority.

"I started my Army career at Fort Carson, so it feels like I'm coming full circle to return," said Phillips, adding "my focus will be on air service and business development to continue the great work that Dan Gallagher has done."

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