

The Shreveport Airport Authority Announces Selection of Director of Airports



Henry Thompson, A. A. E., IAP

SHREVEPORT, LA – Following a nationwide search, the Shreveport Airport Authority has selected Henry Thompson, A.A.E., to be the Director of Airports. Thompson was introduced to and confirmed by the Shreveport City Council on November 10, 2015.

In his new role, Thompson is the chief executive officer of the Authority and is fully responsible for directing the activities and operations at the Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV) and the Shreveport Downtown Airport (DTN). Thompson will work closely with and attend staff meetings of the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Shreveport, maintain an open and working relationship with the City's Personnel Director and interact with other City Officials and departmental personnel.

Thompson is a senior-level aviation professional with 30 years of experience in airport operations, safety, security and management. Most recently, he served as the associate deputy airport director with the San Francisco Airport Commission. Thompson was at SFO for over 22 years.

"I am very excited and honored to be joining the Shreveport team as Director of Airports and in building upon the airport system's many accomplishments," said Thompson. "I look forward to serving the community by providing quality services and facilities."

"We are elated to have a person of Mr. Thompson's caliber to serve as Executive Director of the Shreveport Airport Authority," said Mary L. Jackson, Chair of the Shreveport Airport Authority. "He brings a significant wealth of Aviation knowledge, along with an impressive background of more than 30 years of experience. His educational background, qualifications, credentials, experience, and knowledge speaks for itself."

Jackson went on to say, "We are confident that he will serve us well in carrying out the goals and mission of SAA, as well as bring new and innovative ideas to promote the continual growth and successful development of our Airports. Many thanks to Mayor Ollie Tyler, Shreveport City Council Members, and the SAA Board of Directors for the selection and confirmation of Mr. Thompson."

Thompson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the National University in San Diego, CA, and a Master of Business Administration, Finance degree from the Golden Gate University in San Francisco. Thompson is an accredited airport professional (A.A.E.) from the American Association of Airport Executives and holds an International Airport Professional (IAP) designation from Airports Council International.

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