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Northeast Florida Regional Airport Hosts Naval Flight Officer (NFO) Advanced Training

St. Augustine, FL (November 3, 2023) – The Northeast Florida Regional Airport is honored to announce that it is currently hosting U.S. Navy's Naval Flight Officer (NFO) advanced training, which is set to continue until November 6, 2023. This significant training program involves 33 commissioned officers from Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, who are training to become airborne weapon systems specialists.

The NFO's participating in this advanced training program are gaining vital expertise in flying the T45 Goshawk aircraft, which plays a critical role in enhancing the Navy's capabilities. These NFOs, while not pilots, serve as essential crew members, specializing in weapons systems, navigation, and mission coordination.

Northeast Florida Regional Airport is proud to support the U.S. Navy in this important training initiative. This collaboration highlights the airport's role as a key regional partner in furthering the readiness and capabilities of our nation's armed forces. The T45 Goshawk aircraft provides an ideal platform for NFO's to develop their skills and contribute to the Navy's operational strength. In addition to the 17 NFO's participating in the program, 30 dedicated maintenance personnel from V2X are working tirelessly around the clock to ensure the aircraft's operational readiness. Their unwavering commitment and expertise are crucial in maintaining the T45 Goshawk aircraft's reliability during this training period.

Northeast Florida Regional Airport is pleased to facilitate this important training mission and take part in our nation's commitment to national defense. The partnership between the U.S. Navy, Naval Air Station Pensacola, and the airport exemplifies our dedication to serving our country's defense needs.

This training program showcases the continued growth and significance of Northeast Florida Regional Airport as a pivotal hub in the region, not only for civilian aviation but also as a host to vital military operations. Operations of this level also create a positive economic impact on the region. Photos for media use can be downloaded at: <u>https://www.flynf.com/p90-News-and-Media.aspx</u>

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About the St. Johns County Airport Authority:

The members of the St. Johns County Airport Authority are elected by the citizens of St. Johns County and serve without remuneration. The Airport Authority is chartered by the Florida Legislature for the purpose of operating and developing the Northeast Florida Regional Airport on behalf of the citizens of St. Johns County. Learn more at: <u>www.flynf.com</u>.





Northeast Florida Regional Airport (NFRA) is a vital regional airport serving St. Augustine and the surrounding communities. Serving as a transportation hub as well as a regional economic asset and local employer, NFRA is committed to providing safe, efficient, and exceptional air travel experiences for corporate, private and commercial aviation needs. Located at the airport are multiple business enterprises as well as Hanger One Restaurant. The airport is committed to serving the St. Johns County community with a strong focus on safety, customer service, and community engagement. More information can be found on our website at https://www.flynf.com/

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