

Air Traffic Controller Errors on the Rise: A Report From Your South Florida Injury Lawyer

According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), certain errors by air traffic controllers rose by 81 percent between 2007 and 2010. These errors, which result in planes flying too closely to one another or too closely to an object, have the potential to result in injury or death. For instance, in January of 2010, an error made by an air traffic controller resulted in a plane crash in Hawaii that killed a pilot and passenger.

Another error made by air traffic controllers occurs when an unauthorized plane, vehicle or person appears on a runway. The GAO found that the rate of these errors increased from 11-per-million takeoffs to 18-per-million takeoffs between 2004 and 2010. Again, this is a significant increase in air traffic controller error rate that could lead to more injuries and deaths from airplane crashes, a fact that worries your South Florida injury lawyer and countless others, including the U.S. government.

Alarmed by the sharp increase in errors, Congress has asked the U.S. Department of Transportation to further investigate the rising error rates and to try to identify the cause. While there are no conclusive answers, the FAA has suggested that the increase in air traffic controller errors may simply be the result of better error reporting procedures. However, the U.S. Department of Transportation is continuing to investigate the matter to in an effort to ensure greater passenger safety.

Although the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) advises that air travel continues to be extremely safe, based on the rates of deaths resulting from commercial air flights over a three-year period, your South Florida injury lawyer and many others remain concerned about air traffic controller errors that could lead to increased airplane crashes and deaths.

If you or a loved one has suffered injury as a result of an air traffic controller error, car accident, slip and fall accident, or other type of accident, you should consult with a South Florida injury lawyer immediately. By contacting the attorneys of Reifkind and Thompson, P.L., you can protect your rights to any legal claim for compensation that you might have against the person responsible for your injuries.