

2016 RELIEVER AIRPORT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Our award winner for reliever airport of the year has an impressive list of achievements and improvements that get more impressive every year.

The airport was originally constructed in 1939 by the Civil Aeronautics Agency. The Navy developed interest in the site and arranged to lease the airport's 1277 acres as a Naval Air Station through World War II. It was returned to civilian use in March 1946 and taken over by the county.

Today, the airport has a \$33 million dollars total annual economic impact, employing 383 people , with over 21,000 annual visitors.

The airport activity generates nearly \$1.2 million dollars in tax revenues for the local ISD, County, City, hospital district and college.

The number of based aircrafts has grown. Over the years, the airport has seen a 30% increase in based aircraft and an 800% increase in based jets. The airport has over 2,500 jet operations annually.

From 2007 through 2015, over \$41.4M has been spent on airport improvements. Projects included:

- Reconstruction of Rwy 1-19 in 2006
- Reconstruction of Rwy 14-32 in 2008
- New Air Traffic Control Tower commissioned in 2009
- Completion of new Galaxy FBO complex in 2013
- Reconstruction (by County) of FM1484
- Runway extension and parallel taxiway project completed in May 2015
- New federal inspection station scheduled to open in June 2016

With the recently completed runway extension, the airport has been approved for C-130 Emergency Relief Operations

Please join me in congratulating the Conroe North Houston Regional Airport, as our 2016 Reliever Airport of the Year.