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Atlanta TRACON

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Facility Orientation Guide





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Welcome Letter

Dear New Employee,

Welcome to Atlanta TRACON! Here you will have an opportunity to work, and develop your skills, with an outstanding team of professionals that help make us a great place to work. Your knowledge, abilities and positive attitude made you a highly regarded addition to our team, and I am certain that you will make a positive impact on our future.

All of us want to make your tenure at this facility as enjoyable and rewarding as possible. Please feel free to ask any questions and express your thoughts and ideas to the staff and senior leadership. Our aim is to create an informal atmosphere and involve everyone in the process of making our facility an exceptional place to work.

I look forward to working with you, and would like to welcome you again to our team!

Sincerely,

Brian E. Lentini

Atlanta TRACON Manager



Atlanta TRACON Today

The new, state-of-the-art Atlanta TRACON (A80) was completed in 2001. The facility has some of the latest equipment and automation systems available in the FAA. Our primary automation system is ARTS IIIIE also known as Common ARTS. Our facility is responsible for approximately 19,000 square miles of airspace spread over north central Georgia, and portions of South Carolina and Alabama.



Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (ATL), our primary airport, is currently the **world's** busiest with an average 2800 operations per day. With over 60 other airports in the airspace the TRACON count ranges from 3500-4500 per day. Since 2005, A80 has implemented RNAV SIDS and STARS, a new 5th runway at ATL, and the Precision Runway Monitor (PRM), which allows us to run triple simultaneous instrument approaches. Delta Airlines and their subsidiaries is the largest user of Atlanta Airport, with nearly nine hundred departures each day.

Our state of the art TRACON has 28 radar positions, two Flight Data positions and 13 Handoff/Coordinator positions. We utilize 5 short-range and 4 long-range radar feeds, which give us complete overlap and redundancy in the event of a radar failure. A80 daily staffing needs are approximately 57 controllers on a variety of shifts around the clock.



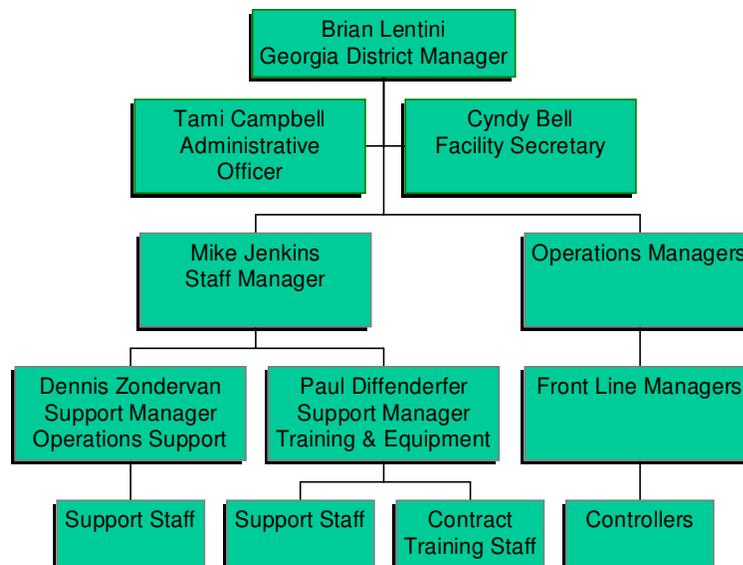
Although we have seen many changes in airspace and procedures over recent years we continue to be recognized as one of the most efficient air traffic operations in the nation. During visual approach conditions we can land at a rate of 125 aircraft per hour. In instrument conditions we are capable of landing 80-100 aircraft per hour.

Our intent as a facility is to strive for excellence in all we do. We are proud of our profession and feel our controllers are the finest in the nation. We look forward to having you as a part of our team.



Atlanta TRACON Organizational Chart

The manager of Atlanta TRACON, Brian Lentini, is also the manager of the Georgia District, which includes several other towers in the state as well as Pensacola Tower and TRACON in Florida. The following organizational chart depicts the structure of the Atlanta TRACON Management Team.



Atlanta TRACON Leadership Team

Brian Lentini heads the Atlanta TRACON Leadership Team. Below is his bio, along with some of the other management team. Each bio outlines the career paths of these individuals and briefly describes their personal interests and hobbies.



Brian Lentini, Georgia District Manager, 678-364-6000

Brian Lentini joined the FAA in 1980 as an air traffic controller in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His employment track record includes serving as an Air Traffic Manager of Nashville Tower, Montgomery Tower and Atlanta TRACON.

Brian has held various air traffic controller, staff and supervisor positions at Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Pensacola, and Atlanta Tower and TRACON. He also worked as the assistant manager at Charlotte Tower and served on a national workgroups, which helped shape personnel reform in 1996.

Brian is a native of New Orleans. He is a long-time hiker and avid fisherman. His office is adorned with pictures of his family and fishing ventures. Brian has been pursuing the art of Bonsai tree growth and training and enjoys tending to his plants and vegetable gardens at his home in Pike County.



Mike Jenkins, Staff Manager, Atlanta TRACON, 678-364-6161

Mike joined the FAA in 1982 as an air traffic controller at the Macon, Georgia Air Traffic Control Tower. Prior to that he served as a controller in the Air Force.



Mr. Jenkins' career has included the following positions: controller, staff specialist, supervisor and Operations Manager at Atlanta Tower/TRACON, Assistant Air Traffic Manager at Jacksonville Tower, branch manager in the Resource Management Branch (formerly ASO-540) in the Southern Regional Office.

Mike enjoys spending time with family and friends. You can occasionally find him on one of the many local golf courses.



Paul Diffenderfer, Support Manager, Training and Equipment, 678-364-6157

Paul hired on with the FAA in 1983 as an air traffic controller in Longview, Texas. Prior to that he was a flight instructor and charter pilot. He holds an Airline Transport rating and Instrument and Multiengine Flight Instructor ratings.



Paul's career has included the following positions: air traffic controller Austin, Texas and Atlanta Tower/TRACON, support specialist Austin and Atlanta, Regional Office Specialist (ASO-510), supervisor Austin and Atlanta, and Support Manager Atlanta TRACON.

Paul enjoys activities with his family and staying active in aviation.



Our Expectations of All Employees

Atlanta TRACON leadership team expects all employees to:

- Come to work, be on time
- Be prepared – mentally and physically
- Understand leave policy and manage your leave appropriately
- Be cooperative and professional
- Treat people with respect and dignity
- Take initiative
- Be accountable
- Lead by example – be a good role model
- Do not tolerate or engage in any form of harassment or discrimination
- Actively participate in training
- Know your airspace and systems, know your equipment
- Use prescribed phraseology/correct facility and equipment names
- Follow rules and procedures
- Be open to feedback – provide honest information
- Be an effective team member



Policies

The section below presents a sampling of policies and procedures for Atlanta TRACON:

Reporting for Duty

The first day you should arrive at the facility at 8:00 a.m. When you first report to the facility for orientation and classroom training you will work what is referred to as an administrative shift. These shifts last 8-½ hours with a one-half hour unpaid lunch break. You will be permitted to leave the facility for lunch. Your shift starting time while in class may be different but typically will be during daytime hours. In the event you have any anticipated delays in your arrival or need more information regarding initial training please contact Paul Diffenderfer, Support Manager for Training at 678-364-6157 or Paul.Diffenderfer@faa.gov.

Hours of Duty

Once your classroom training has been completed you will be assigned to a Front Line Manager and a set of days off. Controller's work a fixed days off schedule and typically you will work one week of day shifts followed by a week of night shifts. Typically trainees do not work midnight shifts until they are very near the completion of their training. Once assigned to On-The-Job training you will work an 8-hour shift. You are not permitted to leave the facility when assigned an 8-hour shift. The facility has a break room with vending machines; however, there is not a cafeteria. Most controllers bring a meal to work. Refrigerators and a freezer are available in the break room.

Parking

The facility has a large parking lot with access controlled by security personnel. The first day you report you will be required to have a photo ID to present to the guards for entry.



Building Access

Facility access is controlled with access cards. On your first day the security guards will notify the staff when you arrive. You will be met at the door by one of our smiling staff.

FAA ID Cards

After reporting you will be issued an FAA ID badge and access card. Your ID must be displayed at all times while on FAA property.

Guests and Visitors

Guests and Visitors are welcome however they must be coordinated in advance with either the Training Department or the Operations Manager on duty. Please do not show up at the gate with visitors, as they will not be permitted to enter without prior coordination.

Cell Phones

Cellular telephones are permitted in most areas of the building. Operating cell phones are strictly prohibited in the operational quarters due to interference issues.



Local Area Information

Peachtree City Profile

The Atlanta TRACON is actually located in [Peachtree City](http://www.Peachtree-City.org) (www.Peachtree-City.org), Georgia, which is about 45 minutes south of Atlanta. Peachtree City, a fairly young community, was founded in 1979. The city contains four separate villages (Aberdeen, Braelinn, Glenlock and Kedron), each with its own shopping areas, recreational facilities, and elementary schools. Since initial development, the city's amenities have expanded to include four swimming pools, a soccer complex, an ALTA-approved tennis center, baseball, softball, and football fields, a 2,000-seat amphitheater, a BMX track, a senior center, a teen center, numerous parks and playgrounds, and the Kedron Fieldhouse and Aquatic Center. The 2005 census estimates indicate a population of 34,525.

One unique characteristic of the city is the almost 100 miles of golf cart paths that meander throughout the city. Many households own a golf cart, which is used as an extra vehicle for local transportation. There are an estimated 9,000 privately owned golf carts in Peachtree City. Bikers, joggers, and pedestrians also use the golf cart paths as a safer alternative to the side of the road. The local running club sponsors a variety of runs and races throughout the year.



Peachtree City is home to a very nice uncontrolled airport, Falcon Field ([FFC](http://www.airnav.com/airport/kffc)) (www.airnav.com/airport/kffc), which has a large flight school and hosts an [airshow](http://www.thegreatgeorgiaairshow.com) (www.thegreatgeorgiaairshow.com) every fall. The FAA Employees Flying Club (not sponsored by the FAA) keeps their Cessna 172 parked at Falcon Field. Several employees at the TRACON are pilots and enjoy flying out of Falcon Field.

Although the majority of the employees at A80 live in the Peachtree City, Fayetteville and Fayette County area, some live in other local communities. Newnan and Sharpsburg



lie to the west of Peachtree City and offer varying amenities including larger shopping areas and a wider selection of restaurants, apartments and housing. Some folks chose to commute from other areas including Fulton, Clayton, Henry, Spaulding and Pike Counties.

The city of Atlanta is about 45 minutes north of Peachtree City. Atlanta is the center of southern culture and hospitality. The city offers a wide variety of dining and shopping experiences, theatres, sporting activities and parks. It is the crossroads of Interstate Highways 75 and 85; they actually join up in downtown Atlanta in a section referred to as The Connector. Although traffic in Atlanta is heavy during rush hour it is feasible to make it in to town for dinner or a play.

Atlanta is home to the Atlanta Braves baseball team, Falcons football team, Atlanta Hawks basketball, Atlanta Thrashers ice hockey team, TBS and CNN. There are also some classic dining experiences including the Varsity Restaurant, the World's Largest Drive-in Restaurant (www.thevarsity.com) and the Sun Dial restaurant (www.sundialrestaurant.com). The Fox Theatre (www.foxtheatre.org), High Museum of Art (www.high.org), Fernbank Science Center (fsc.fernbank.edu), Georgia Aquarium (www.georgiaaquarium.org) and the World of Coke (www.woccatlanta.com) are just a few examples of the diverse activities available in Atlanta.



Online Resources

Local Area Resources

www.peachtree-city.org

www.ci.newnan.ga.us

Chamber of Commerce

www.fayettechamber.org

www.newnancowetachamber.org

Local News

www.thecitizen.com (Fayetteville)

times-herald.com (Newnan)

County Schools

www.fcboe.org (Fayette)

www.coweta.k12.ga.us (Coweta)

City Data

www.city-data.com/city/Peachtree-City-Georgia.html

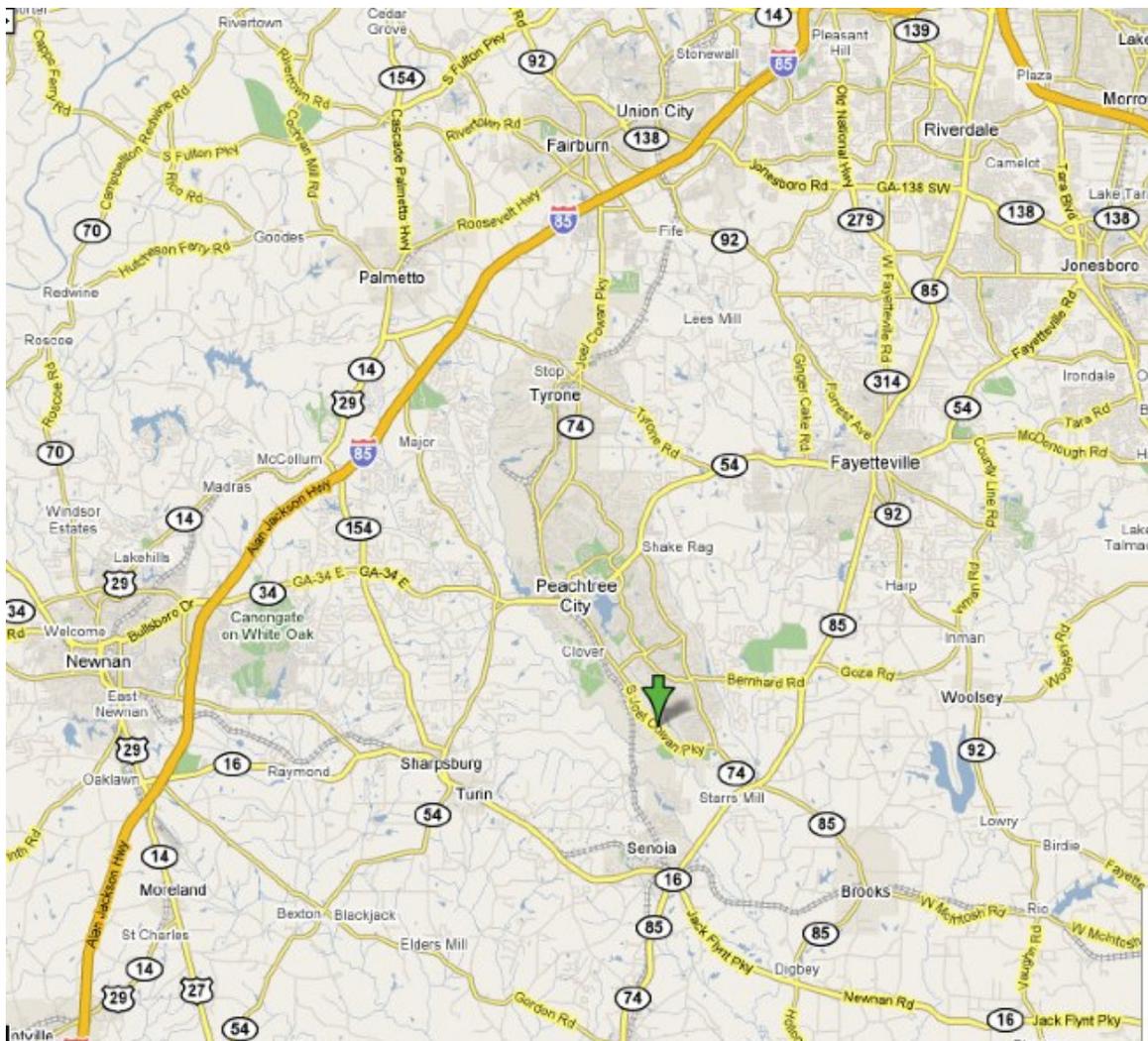
www.city-data.com/city/Newnan-Georgia.html

www.city-data.com/city/Atlanta-Georgia.html



Atlanta TRACON Area Map

The map below locates the TRACON within its immediate surroundings. The green arrow points out the location of the Atlanta TRACON.



Note: Mapquest and Google maps do not accurately depict the exact location of the TRACON. The TRACON is south of Gardner-Denver and across from Cooper Lighting.



Photos of the TRACON

Below is a selection of photos from the Atlanta TRACON.



¹: Controllers working Atlanta Satellite traffic



²: Training in the simulation lab



Atlanta TRACON Directory

The following list provides the most commonly used phone numbers within the Atlanta TRACON facility:

>> Front Desk	(678) 364-6000
>> Facility Night & Weekend	(678) 364-6103
>> Manager's Office	(678) 364-6000
>> Staff Manager's Office	(678) 364-6161
>> Training Manager's Office	(678) 364-6157
>> Administrative Officer's Office	(678) 364-6155
>> Emergency Contact Number	(678) 364-6000
>> Facility Fax	(678) 364-6313