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Facility Orientation Guide

Tucson TRACON (U90)





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Welcome Letter

Dear New Employee,

Welcome! You will soon be a part of the Tucson TRACON. Your commitment toward achieving this success is commendable. A career as an Air Traffic Controller is challenging and rewarding. Your first priority as a member of this agency is to ensure safety of the flying public – this is a great responsibility.

You will be in an exciting training program when you report to U90. Your training will consist of classroom, simulation, and ultimately on-the-job training.

U90 is located at 4445 S Phoenix St, Tucson, Arizona 85707. The facility is on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. On your first day please report to Ray Lukic, Management and Program Assistant.

The Tucson TRACON is extremely proud to provide the highest level of safety and quality customer service. Our goals are: Achieving Operational Excellence, Enhancing Financial Discipline, Increasing Capacity Where Needed, and Ensuring Viable Future. You may find more information at the FAA websites, www.faa.gov and ato.faa.gov.

Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions prior to your arrival.

U90 looks forward to your arrival.

Sincerely,

Arthur M. Blank

Air Traffic Manager,
Tucson TRACON



Tucson TRACON Today

The FAA established Tucson Approach Control, on Davis-Monthan AFB, in 1958. The TRACON has been in its current building since 1972. In 1991, Tucson TRACON was de-combined from Tucson Tower, forming U90. The TRACON is responsible for a large area of airspace. From the US/Mexican border, north to the Pinal county line, and from the Kitt Peak area, east to Benson, AZ. U90 provides approach control services up to 17,000 feet. Class C radar services are provided for aircraft operating in the Tucson area.

The TRACON provides approach control services to a wide variety of aircraft. Along with the typical general aviation and air carrier aircraft, military aircraft make up a large percentage of the traffic. The 162nd FW located at Tucson International Airport is home to the largest Air National Guard fighter wing in the country. The 162nd is responsible for training both ANG and NATO pilots in the F-16 Fighting Falcon. The 355th FW, located at Davis-Monthan AFB, is home to the A-10 "Warthog". Davis-Monthan AFB is the sole training base for all USAF A-10 pilots.

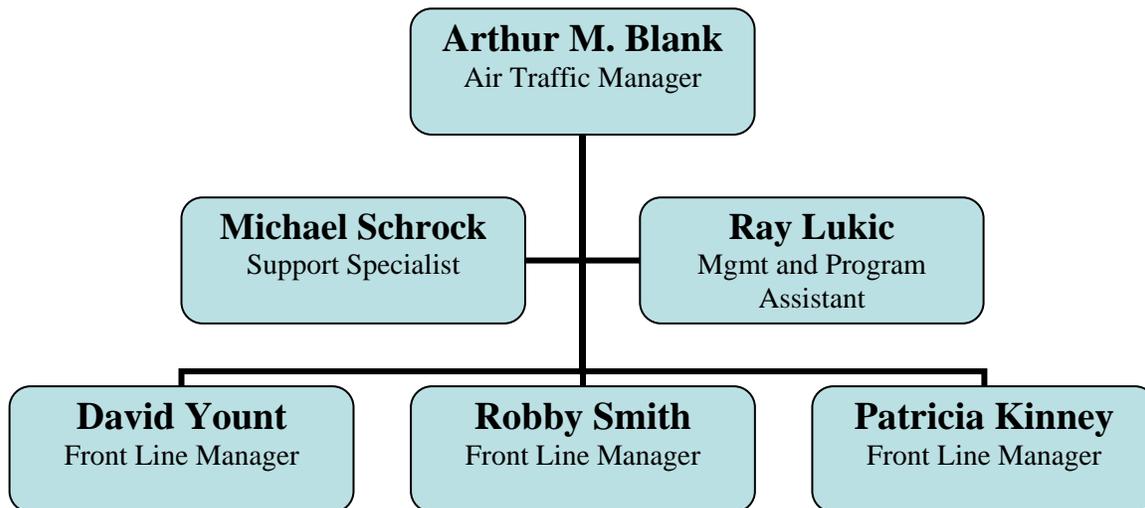


Tucson TRACON provides air traffic services around the clock (24/7), 365 days a year. U90 is classified as an ATC-8 facility, with five radar positions. STARS, the TRACON's newest system replaced ARTS IIIA in 2004. There are three control towers that operate in U90's airspace, Tucson ATCT, Davis-Monthan ATCT, and Ryan Field ATCT.



Tucson TRACON Organizational Chart

The following organizational chart depicts the structure of the Tucson TRACON Management Team.





Tucson TRACON Leadership

Arthur M. Blank, Air Traffic Manager, Tucson TRACON

Arthur “Art” Blank has served as the Air Traffic Manager of the Tucson TRACON since September 2005. He started his career as an Air Traffic Control Specialist in Huntington, West Virginia in 1989. From there, Art moved to the New York TRACON and served as and Certified Professional Controller in the Newark Sector, 1991-1995. Next stop for Art was serving as a Support Specialist at LaGuardia Air Traffic Control Tower, 1995-1998. Art then moved to the Eastern Service Area and



served in two branches, Safety and Tactical operations. Art went back to the field and served in supervisory positions at Long Island ATCT and Republic ATCT before moving to Arizona in 2005.

Art is a member of the Federal Aviation Administration Manager’s Association and the National Hispanic Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees.

Art’s hobbies include traveling, golfing, and amateur (ham) radio.



Our Expectations of All Employees

Tucson 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

Reporting for Duty

When you first report for duty, you will be required to stop with an FAA representative at the DM AFB's Visitor Center to have base access ID card issued. Please bring a government issued photo ID. The rest of the day will be spent completing administrative paperwork and meeting the crew.

Employees are to report for their assigned shift on time. If a situation arises that will prevent you from reporting on time, call the TRACON Front Line Manager at 520-670-6213.

Hours of Duty

Operational personnel are assigned to work 8 hour shifts unless directed otherwise. Personnel in training will be scheduled by Raytheon for specific classroom hours.

Parking

Parking is provided in the facility parking lot. No parking permit is required, however current vehicle registration and insurance is required to access the military base.

Building Access

Access cards are needed to gain access to the TRACON building. The administration building is locked during non-duty hours.

FAA ID Cards

You will be issued FAA photo ID card upon arrival. The FAA ID card serves as your identification and as access card into the TRACON building. The ID card must be worn and visible at all times when on FAA property.



Guests and Visitors

Approval for guest must be approved from management. After obtaining approval, the employee must advise the administration officer of the upcoming visit, ensure that the visitors are signed in and must escort their visitor at all times.

Cell Phones

Cell phones must be in the off position while in the operational area. They may be used during break periods.

Smoking Area

Smoking is permitted only in the designated smoking areas outside of the TRACON building.

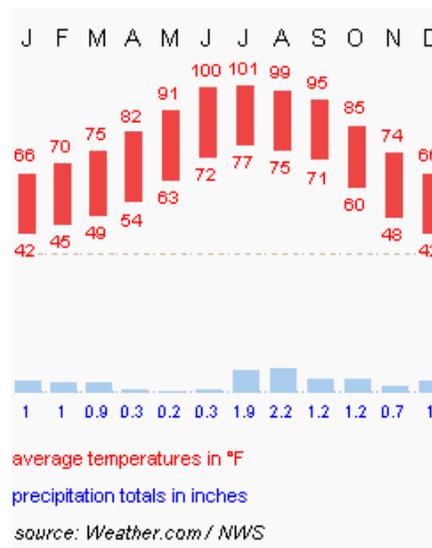


Local Area Information

Tucson is the county seat of Pima County, Arizona, United States, located 118 miles southeast of Phoenix and 60 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border. As of July 1, 2006, a Census Bureau estimate puts the city's population at 525,529, with a metropolitan area population at 1,023,320 as of July 1, 2008. In 2005, Tucson ranked as the 32nd largest city and 52nd largest metropolitan area in the United States. It is the largest city in southern Arizona and the second largest in the state. Tucson is the site of the University of Arizona.

Major incorporated suburbs of Tucson include Oro Valley and Marana northwest of the city, Sahuarita south of the city, and South Tucson in an enclave south of downtown. Communities in the vicinity of Tucson (some within or overlapping the city limits) include Casas Adobes, Catalina, Catalina Foothills, Flowing Wells, Green Valley, Tanque Verde, New Pascua, Vail and Benson.

The English name *Tucson* derives from the Spanish name of the city, *Tucsón*, which was borrowed from the O'odham name *Cuk Šon*, meaning "(at the) base of the black [hill]", a reference to an adjacent volcanic mountain. Tucson is sometimes referred to as "The Old Pueblo".





Time Zone

The State of Arizona is located in the Mountain Standard Time Zone (-7 UTC). Arizona does not make an adjustment for Daylight Saving Time, and during the months of April through October, Arizona time mirrors Pacific Daylight Time.

Liquor Laws

Arizona law prohibits anyone younger than age 21 to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages. The purchase, service or consumption of liquor is prohibited from 2 am to 6 am Monday - Saturday, and from 2 am to 10 am on Sunday.

Radio & Television

Radio: 14 AM stations and 16 FM stations

Television: Local channels are KVOA, 4 (NBC); KUAT, 6 (PBS); KGUN, 9 (ABC); KMSB, 11 (FOX); KOLD, 13 (CBS); KTTU, 18 (UPN); KHRR, 40 (Telemundo, Spanish); KUVB, 52 (Spanish); KWBA, 58 (CW). **Sports**

The University of Arizona Wildcats sports teams, most notably the men's basketball and women's softball teams, are often the subject of national attention as well as strong local interest. The men's basketball team, formerly coached by Hall of Fame head coach Lute Olson and currently coached by Sean Miller, has made 25 straight NCAA Tournaments and won the 1997 National Championship. Arizona's Softball team has reached the NCAA National Championship game 12 times and has won 8 times, most recently in 2007.

The Tucson Sidewinders, a triple-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks, won the Pacific Coast League championship and unofficial AAA championship in 2006. The Sidewinders played in Tucson Electric Park and were in the Pacific Conference South of the PCL. The Sidewinders were sold in 2007 and moved to Reno, Nevada after the 2008 season.

The United States Handball Association Hall of Fame is located in Tucson.

The Tucson Toros are a professional baseball team that played in the PCL from 1969 to 1997 and won the PCL championship on two occasions, in 1991 and 1993. They are owned by Jay Zucker of Tucson Baseball, LLC. They were once a triple-A affiliate of the Houston Astros and are now members of the independent Golden Baseball League.

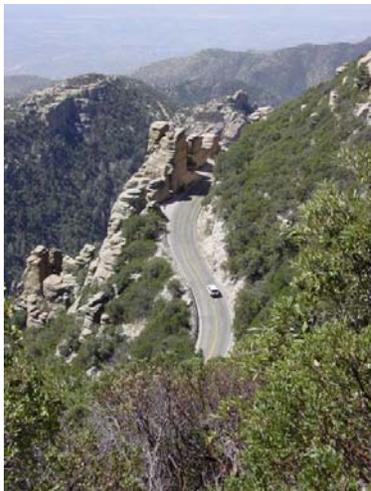


Tucson was given a gold rating for bicycle friendliness by the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) in late April, 2007. Tucson hosts the largest perimeter cycling event in the United States. The ride called "El Tour de Tucson" happens in November on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. El Tour de Tucson produced and promoted by Perimeter Bicycling has as many as 10,000 participants from all over the world, annually.

Tucson Raceway Park hosts NASCAR-sanctioned auto racing events and is one of only two asphalt short tracks in Arizona.

Parks

The city is home to more than 120 parks, including Reid Park Zoo. There are five public golf courses located throughout the area. Several scenic parks and points of interest are also located nearby, including the Tucson Botanical Gardens, Saguaro National Park, Sabino Canyon, and Biosphere 2.



Catalina Hwy on Mt. Lemmon

Mt. Lemmon, 25 miles (40 km) north (by road) and over 6,700 feet (2,000 m) above Tucson, is located in the Coronado National Forest. Outdoor activities in the summer include hiking, birding, rock climbing, picnicking, camping, sky rides at Ski Valley, fishing and touring. In the winter, skiing and/or sledding is sometimes available at the southernmost ski resort in the continental United States. Summerhaven, a community near the top of Mt. Lemmon, is also a popular destination.

Tucson is a popular winter haven for cyclists, and is one of only nine cities in the U.S. to receive a gold rating or higher for cycling friendliness from the League of American Bicyclists. Both road and mountain biking are popular in and around Tucson with popular trail areas including Starr Pass and Fantasy Island. Maps can be found online for both road and mountain bikers. Tucson is the home to the Tour de Tucson, a famous cycling event held annually in November.



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Restaurants of Note

Athens on 4th Restaurant

500 N. 4th Ave., Ste. 6 520-624-6886

Experience a divine blend of Greek hospitality and cuisine.

Flying V Bar & Grill

Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, 7000 N. Resort Dr. 520-299-2020

Relaxed with outdoor seating. Southwestern. Favorite golfer-watering hole has excellent views of the Canyon Course, yet is elegant enough for an intimate dinner beside the fireplace.

Legend's Bar & Grill

Omni Tucson National Resort

2727 W. Club Dr. 520-297-2271

Tucson National offers a range of dining options—the newly opened Legend's Bar & Grill with patio overlooking the 18th green and the opening of the Steak & Chop House in late December. Serving all daily and Sunday Brunch. Reservations recommended.

Lookout Bar & Grille at Westward Look Resort

245 E. Ina Rd. 520-297-1151

The Lookout Bar & Grille is the Catalina Foothills' favorite neighborhood gathering place, featuring live music each Friday & Saturday night, and menu specials nightly. Enjoy the best view in town, savor Chef Jamie West's "comfort foods," catch the game on our big screen, and have fun with your friends and neighbors in this casual, comfortable bar inside the Westward Look Resort.

Montana Avenue

6390 E. Grant Rd. 520-298-2020

Gold winner for Best New Restaurant in the 2007 *Tucson Lifestyle* Culinary Awards, Montana Avenue features Great American cooking – deliciously updated comfort foods. The wine list reflects a selection of fine American boutique wines, and the specialty cocktail menu offers unique creations. Features sun-lit dining room and fireplaces in the spacious patio and private dining room.



Online Resources

<http://tucsonracon.org/>

Local Area Resources

<http://www.visittucson.org/>

<http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/>

Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.tucsonchamber.org/>

Housing and Relocating Assistance

<http://www.arizona-relocation.org/tucson-arizona-living/>

<http://www.tucsonrelocationguide.com/>

Local News

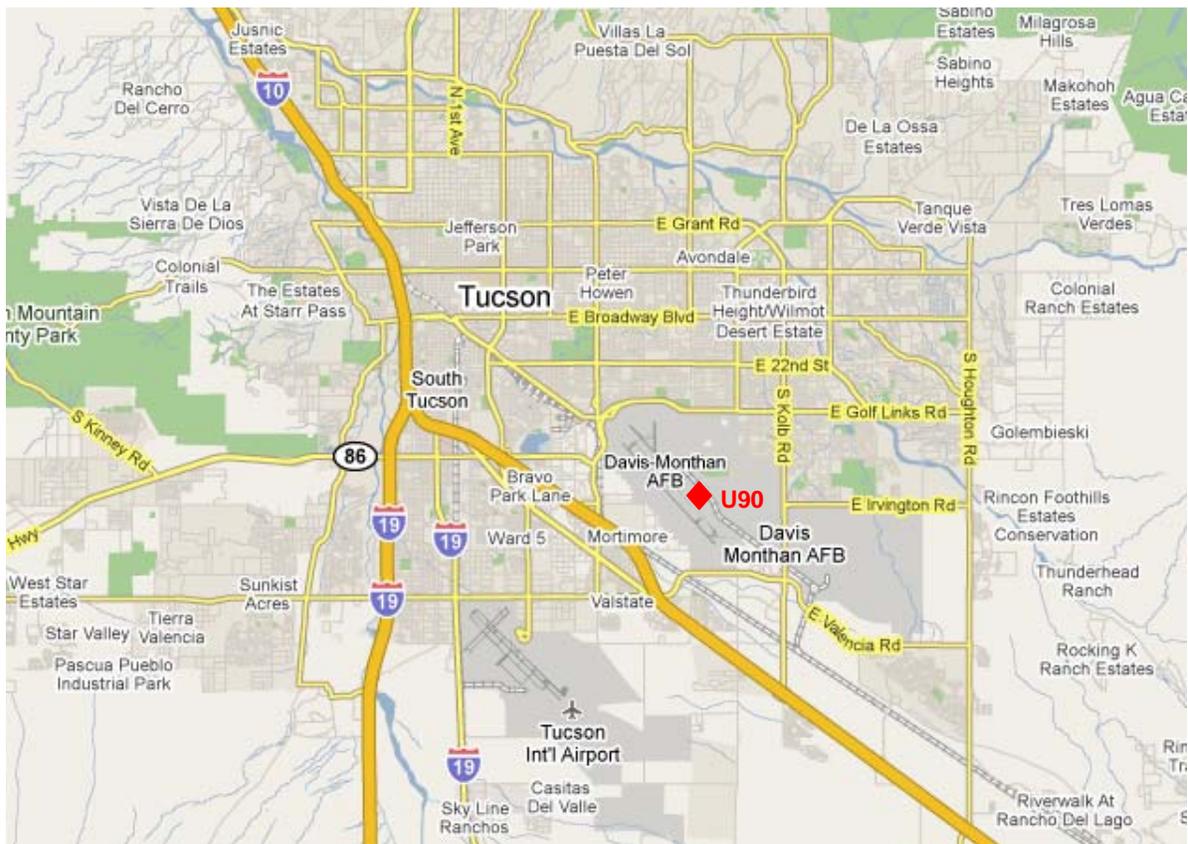
<http://tucsoncitizen.com/>

<http://www.knst.com/>

<http://www.azstarnet.com/>



Tucson TRACON Area Map



FAA/Tucson TRACON
4445 S Phoenix St, Tucson, Arizona 85707



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Photo of the Davis-Monthan AFB





Tucson TRACON Directory

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

>> Administration Office	(520) 670-5087 x223
>> Support Specialist	(520) 670-5087 x225
>> Air Traffic Manager's Office	(520) 670-5087 x222
>> Training (Raytheon)	(520) 670-5090
>> Facility Fax	(520) 745-0560
>> FLM Desk	(520) 670-6213



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