

Book Review

General Aviation Security

Aircraft, Hangars, Fixed-Base Operations, Flight Schools, and Airports

by Professor Daniel J. Benny, Ph.D.

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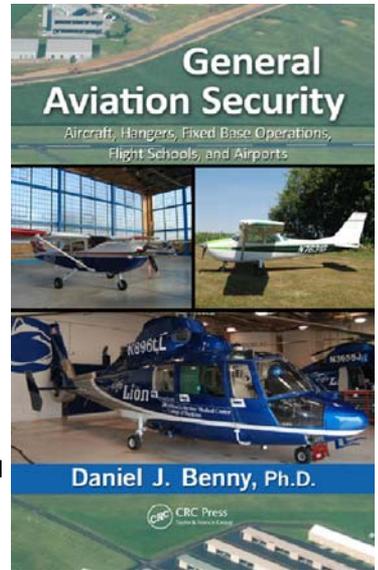
There are many undergraduate texts on general aviation. There are also many introductory books on physical security. However, *General Aviation Security* is the first undergraduate level textbook that I have found to date which combines the two.

I've read many books about aviation security. The one shortfall that is common among them is that they focus on security for commercial service (airline) aviation and provide relatively little information concerning the unique security needs of general aviation. Dr. Benny's textbook successfully merges general aviation and physical security to provide students new to both topics with a thorough, practical, and focused introduction.

Unless the classroom student is already a pilot and experienced in the wide variety of flying operations that are encompassed by the deceptively simple term "general aviation," the task of learning about the different entities one finds on even the most simple of general aviation airports can seem daunting. Dr. Benny, however, gives the reader practical slices of airport and general aviation operations; by the time they complete the text students are exposed to many of the various operations, organizations, agencies, and associations found at general aviation airports. Assisting the new student with the retention of important ideas, Dr. Benny reinforces his main points throughout the book.

Likewise with the elements of physical security, Dr. Benny introduces the novice to the basic concepts of physical security. He provides examples of the many different security concepts employed in a physical security program. These examples range from perimeter security and fencing to security enforcement and the use of private security guards.

Students will find many useful features in Dr. Benny's textbook. First, this book sports a detailed table of contents—helpful for those looking for specific general aviation security topics. Next, the book contains bibliographies for each chapter; this is sure to help students in finding meaningful additional sources for term papers. Finally, the book has three healthy appendixes which examine global terrorist groups, provide a sample airport security plan, and present Dr. Benny's doctoral dissertation on the impact of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's Airport Watch Program. Altogether, this textbook is a practical primer which will bring the general aviation security novice up-to-speed on applicable federal regulations, current topics, and generally accepted practices.



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