

# Book Review

## Practical Aviation Security

### 2nd Edition

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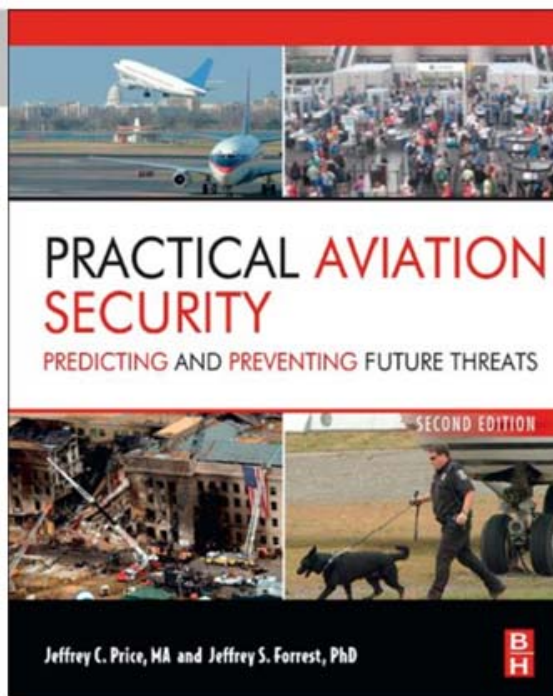
Have you ever wondered how we came to be where we are now in aviation security? Have you wondered where aviation security is going? If so, then you will likely find your answers in the textbook by Professor Price and Dr. Forrest,

*Practical Aviation Security: Predicting and Preventing Future Threats.*

Now in its second printing, *Practical Aviation Security* shows how many of the security tasks performed in the security screening queues and around commercial service airports can be traced to specific threats and attacks against aviation in the recent past. Price and Forrest advise readers early on in their text to consider carefully the impacts of implementing security because as they point out on page 6: “The national airspace system is both economically and operationally fragile. A delay of just 10 minutes can cost the airport and airlines significant money.” I find this awareness of economic advantages and risks from the application of security procedures to aviation and aviation business refreshing.

The text provides readers with a thoughtful analysis of aviation and the security function. The majority of pages examine the history and context of security for commercial service aviation—airlines, scheduled air cargo, and commercial service airports. If there is a shortcoming to the book, it is simply that general aviation is relegated to a single chapter towards the end, despite the fact that general aviation represents over 75 percent of all flight activity in the United States. However, to their credit, the authors clearly identify on page 369 one of the fundamental issues in the security of general aviation: “A key challenge to developing legislation, policies, and processes for securing GA airports is that stakeholders have different perceptions regarding the nature of GA. GA operations can vary greatly in the types of aircraft used and purposes for GA flight operations.”

This text is ideal for both students and practitioners of aviation security who want to see where we’ve been and consider where we are going in the industry. Professor Price and Dr. Forrest provide a well-researched tome which should be in the collection of every aviation security professional.



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