

2026 NORTH TEXAS INFRAGARD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Securing America's Crossroads"

DFW Airport Department of Public Safety

DFW Airport, TX 75261

August 13, 2026 | 8:15 AM – 3:30 PM

DFW International Airport is one of the busiest airports in the world and larger than the island of Manhattan. With its own zip code, police department, fire department, and EMS, DFW operates as a city within a city — making it a fitting place to talk about protecting critical infrastructure.

TIME	SESSION
8:15 – 9:00 AM	Registration, Breakfast & Sponsor Expo Check-in, continental breakfast, and networking. Visit sponsor and vendor exhibits.
9:00 – 9:35 AM	Opening Ceremony • Facility Safety Brief – Assistant Vice President of Aviation Security - Jason Byers • Call to Order & Call for Colors – Chief of Police Brian Redburn – DFW DPS • Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation (Chaplin or LD) • Welcome – Maria Scarmardo, President North Texas InfraGard • Opening Remarks – R. Joseph Rothrock, Special Agent in Charge, FBI Dallas Field Office • Remarks – Executive Vice President of Airport Operations Jerome Woodard Chief Technology and Innovations Officer, Paul Puopolo
SESSION 1	
9:35 – 10:20 AM	The Airport CISO: Securing a City That Never Sleeps Eric Bowerman leads security for what amounts to a small city: DFW runs its own police, fire, and EMS across 17,207 acres, with hundreds of interconnected IT and operational systems and more than 200 airline and vendor partners. He'll walk through the threats that keep an airport CISO up at night and how his team defends the airport without ever slowing down the 1,800 flights a day that depend on it. <i>Eric Bowerman – Associate Vice President of Cybersecurity (CISO)</i>
10:20 – 10:30 AM	Networking Break & Sponsor Expo
SESSION 2	
10:30 – 11:20 AM	FIFA World Cup 2026 Preparedness, Lessons Learned, and Operational Successes DFW's CEO called the World Cup "nine Super Bowls." The chiefs who ran security for those nine matches at AT&T Stadium sit down together to talk about what worked, what didn't, and what they'd do differently. Expect candid lessons on crowd control, multi-agency coordination, and the intelligence sharing that held it all together. <i>Moderator: SA Ryan Randall, FBI</i> <i>Panel: Chief Redburn (DFW Airport DPS), Deputy Chief Roman (Dallas PD), Chief Daniels (Arlington PD), Chief Landers (Euless PD)</i>

SESSION 3	
11:25 AM – 12:15 PM	Drones, Airspace & the SAFER SKIES Act: Counter-UAS in the Airport Environment Drones near airports have gone from annoyance to genuine hazard, and the SAFER SKIES Act finally gives state and local agencies room to respond. This session covers the detection and mitigation tools available today, who has legal authority to act, and how airports, the FAA, and federal partners divide the job when a drone shows up over an active runway. <i>Speaker: SA Goff – Counter-UAS, FBI</i>
NETWORKING LUNCH	
12:15 – 1:15 PM	Networking Lunch, Sponsor Expo, & FBI Store Sit-down lunch with continued sponsor and vendor exhibit access. Networking with speakers, sector chiefs, and fellow members.
SESSION 4	
1:15 – 2:05 PM	Securing the Airport Perimeter: Defending Against Human and Natural Threats Guarding a boundary larger than Manhattan means defending against people and wildlife alike. DFW's security and environmental teams cover how they detect intruders, keep birds and animals off the airfield, and manage the sensors and cameras that watch the fence line — including the cyber risk that comes with putting hundreds of them on one network. <i>Moderator: Llewellyn Derry, Panel: Assistant Chief Josh Cousins Col. Sam Peacock, PhD </i>
SESSION 5	
2:10 – 3:00 PM	Insider Threats in Aviation: From Ticketing to Baggage Airlines in the US employ over 1 million people, with many workers that can access flight-critical areas passengers never see. In this session, American Airlines provides an overview on evaluating insider threats and workplace violence, examples of smuggling, sabotage, unauthorized access, and risk assessment; including warning signs and mitigation. <i>Speakers: NTXINMA Board Member: Ronnie Craver Eric Pisconski- American Airlines</i>
CLOSING	
3:00 – 3:20 PM	Audience Q&A Open question-and-answer session with speakers from the day's sessions.
3:20 – 3:30 PM	Closing Remarks, Sponsor Recognition & Door Prizes <i>Maria Scarmardo President, North Texas InfraGard Members Alliance</i>
OFFSITE NETWORKING RECEPTION	
4:00 – 6:00 PM	Post Event Networking Reception Hyatt Place DFW - 2350 Global Drive, Euless, TX, 75261 Join fellow members, speakers, and sponsors for a casual networking reception. Light appetizers and beverages. Venue and directions will be provided to registered attendees.

Registration is required. Visit the North Texas InfraGard chapter website for details.