



Unclaimed Money at Airports, Fiscal Year 2015

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Message from the Administrator

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I am pleased to present the following report, “Unclaimed Money at Airports, Fiscal Year 2015.” In response to a requirement accompanying the *Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act* (P.L. 108-334), this report provides the amount of unclaimed money recovered from each airport and the total amount recovered during FY 2015, and how unclaimed money is being used for civil aviation security.



Pursuant to congressional requirements, this report is being provided to the following:

The Honorable John R. Carter
Chairman, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Lucille Roybal Allard
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable John Hoeven
Chairman, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable William “Bill” Shuster
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

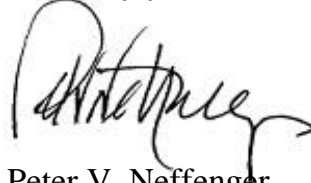
The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Ranking Member, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable John Thune
Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Bill Nelson
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Inquiries relating to this report may be directed to me at (571) 227-2801 or to the Department's Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Chip Fulghum, at (202) 447-5751.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter V. Neffenger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Peter V. Neffenger
Administrator

Executive Summary

The *Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act* (P.L. 108-334) requires the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Administrator to report to Congress annually on the collection of unclaimed money at airports and the expenditure of those funds.

Congress directed TSA to provide an accounting of the amount of unclaimed money recovered in total and at each individual airport. TSA also was directed to describe how that money is being used to provide civil aviation security.

This report provides the amount of unclaimed money recovered from each airport and the total amount recovered during FY 2015, and describes how unclaimed money is being used for civil aviation security.



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I. Legislative Requirement

This document constitutes TSA's annual report on the collection of unclaimed money at airports during FY 2015, and the expenditure of those funds as required by the *FY 2005 DHS Appropriations Act* (P.L. 108-334).

Specifically, section 515(b) of Public Law 108-334 states:

(b) ANNUAL REPORT – Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration shall transmit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives; the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation of the Senate; and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, a report that contains a detailed description of the amount of unclaimed money recovered in total and at each individual airport, and specifically how the unclaimed money is being used to provide civil aviation security.

II. Background

Unclaimed money is money that passengers inadvertently leave behind at airport screening checkpoints. In most cases, this consists of coins that passengers remove from their pockets so that metal detectors do not sound. During FY 2015, TSA collected \$765,759.15 in unclaimed money. Receipts of unclaimed money are deposited into a Special Fund account so that the resources can be tracked easily and subsequently expended.

Section 44945 of title 49, United States Code, grants statutory budget authority to TSA to expend unclaimed money:

§ 44945 Disposition of unclaimed money. Notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31, unclaimed money recovered at any airport security checkpoint shall be retained by the Transportation Security Administration and shall remain available until expended for the purpose of providing civil aviation security as required in this chapter.

III. Unclaimed Money Collections and Expenditures

The following table lists the total amount of unclaimed money collected during FY 2015 by hub/spoke airports. A **hub** is a central airport that flights are routed through, and **spokes** are the routes that planes take out of the hub airport. Spoke airports deposit unclaimed money collected at checkpoints to their respective hub airport. The hub airports then deposit a combined total of collections and send the receipt of deposits to TSA headquarters. The amounts recorded to the airports in the table below reflect collected U.S. currency. However, due to economies of scale regarding costs of conversion into U.S. currency, all foreign currency is combined before it is exchanged into U.S. dollars. During the FY 2015 reporting period, all deposits totaled \$765,759.15, which includes approximately \$9,265.25 in foreign currency. As of December 18, 2015, no funds had been expended.

TSA uses these funds to provide civil aviation security in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 44945. Unclaimed money collected during FY 2015 will be used in FY 2016, to support the TSA Pre✓[®] expansion effort.

Airport Code	Hub Airport	Amount
ABE	Lehigh Valley International Airport	\$ 41.27
ABQ	Albuquerque Int'l Sunport Airport	\$ 4,009.09
ACY	Atlantic City Int'l Airport	\$ 740.12
ALB	Albany Int'l Airport	\$ 743.69
ANC	Ted Stevens Anchorage Int'l Airport	\$ 2,169.12
ATL	Hartsfield Atlanta Int'l Airport	\$ 9,693.81
AUS	Austin-Bergstrom Int'l	\$ 6,825.40
BDL	Hartford - Bradley Int'l Airport	\$ 2,904.88
BHM	Birmingham Int'l Airport	\$ 1,533.09
BIL	Billings Logan Int'l Airport	\$ 1,152.26
BIS	Bismarck Airport	\$ 873.48
BNA	Nashville Int'l Airport	\$ 9,364.10
BOI	Boise Air Terminal/Gowen Field	\$ 4,098.81
BOS	Logan Int'l Airport	\$ 19,733.50
BTR	Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport	\$ 176.20
BTV	Burlington Int'l Airport	\$ 870.06
BUF	Buffalo Niagara Int'l Airport	\$ 1,553.81
BUR	Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport	\$ 1,535.15
BWI	Baltimore-Washington Int'l Airport	\$ 12,845.00

Airport Code	Hub Airport	Amount
CAE	Columbia Airport	\$ 216.44
CHS	Charleston Int'l Airport/AFB	\$ 3,136.28
CLE	Cleveland-Hopkins Int'l	\$ 6,738.45
CLT	Charlotte Douglas Int'l Airport	\$ 5,079.37
CMH	Port Columbus Int'l Airport	\$ 3,828.22
COS	Colorado Springs Municipal	\$ 481.78
CPR	Natrona County Int'l Airport	\$ 1,131.65
CRW	Yeager Airport	\$ 541.95
CVG	Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Int'l Airport	\$ 4,514.16
DAL	Dallas Love Field	\$ 6,304.26
DCA	Reagan Washington National Airport	\$ 10,825.59
DEN	Denver Int'l Airport	\$ 12,592.06
DFW	Dallas/Fort Worth Int'l Airport	\$ 30,420.36
DSM	Des Moines Int'l Airport	\$ 1,932.74
DTW	Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport	\$ 9,742.58
ELP	El Paso Int'l Airport	\$ 2,278.35
EWR	Newark Int'l Airport	\$ 12,846.78
FAI	Fairbanks Int'l Airport	\$ 509.25
FAT	Fresno Yosemite Int'l Airport	\$ 664.50
FLL	Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Int'l Airport	\$ 15,565.43
FSD	Sioux Falls Airport	\$ 388.65
GEG	Spokane Int'l Airport	\$ 897.58
GJT	Walker Field Airport	\$ 436.61
GRB	Austin Straubel Int'l Airport	\$ 439.62
GRR	Gerald Ford Airport	\$ 1,346.12
GSN	Saipan Int'l Airport	\$ 64.68
HNL	Honolulu Int'l Airport	\$ 7,492.78
HOU	Houston - Hobby Airport	\$ 6,086.10
IAD	Washington Dulles Int'l Airport	\$ 22,234.27
IAH	George Bush Intercontinental Airport	\$ 19,129.32
ICT	Wichita Mid-Continent Airport	\$ 473.42
IND	Indianapolis Int'l Airport	\$ 7,074.27
JAN	Jackson Evers Int'l Airport	\$ 904.32
JAX	Jacksonville Int'l Airport	\$ 3,346.46
JFK	John F. Kennedy Int'l Airport	\$ 43,715.81
KOA	Kona Hawaii Airport	\$ 1,721.35

Airport Code	Hub Airport	Amount
LAS	McCarran Int'l Airport	\$ 32,729.48
LAX	Los Angeles Int'l Airport	\$ 55,086.39
LBB	Lubbock Int'l Airport	\$ 1,347.59
LGA	LaGuardia Airport	\$ 23,413.61
LGB	Long Beach Airport	\$ 1,081.46
LIH	Lihue Airport	\$ 1,241.10
LIT	Bill and Hillary Clinton Airport	\$ 1,460.73
MCI	Kansas City Int'l Airport	\$ 7,375.58
MCO	Orlando Int'l Airport	\$ 22,938.25
MDW	Chicago Midway Airport	\$ 9,313.49
MEM	Memphis Int'l Airport	\$ 2,242.40
MHT	Manchester Boston Regional Airport	\$ 1,066.16
MIA	Miami Int'l Airport	\$ 50,955.58
MKE	General Mitchell Int'l Airport	\$ 2,843.97
MLI	Moline - Quad City Int'l Airport	\$ 978.10
MOB	Mobile Regional Airport	\$ 46.42
MSN	Dane County/Madison Airport	\$ 349.27
MSP	Minneapolis-St. Paul Int'l Arpt	\$ 8,322.50
MSY	New Orleans Int'l Airport	\$ 12,651.46
OAK	Metropolitan Oakland Int'l Airport	\$ 8,882.80
OGG	Kahului Airport	\$ 2,345.96
OKC	Will Rogers World Airport	\$ 1,406.74
OMA	Omaha - Eppley Airfield	\$ 2,692.83
ONT	Ontario Int'l Airport	\$ 2,012.05
ORD	O'Hare Int'l Airport	\$ 25,334.97
PBI	Palm Beach Int'l Airport	\$ 2,281.22
PDX	Portland Int'l Airport	\$ 6,569.21
PHL	Philadelphia Int'l Airport	\$ 6,709.90
PHX	Phoenix Sky Harbor Int'l Airport	\$ 10,819.40
PIT	Pittsburgh Int'l Airport	\$ 4,387.71
PNS	Pensacola Airport	\$ 1,666.42
PPG	Pago Pago Int'l Airport	\$ 1.99
PVD	T. F. Green State Airport	\$ 1,131.27
PWM	Portland Int'l Jetport	\$ 1,312.38
RDU	Raleigh-Durham Int'l Airport	\$ 4,069.95
RIC	Richmond Int'l Airport	\$ 4,879.58
RNO	Reno/Tahoe Int'l Airport	\$ 2,330.12

Airport Code	Hub Airport	Amount
ROC	Greater Rochester Int'l Airport	\$ 896.39
RSW	Southwest Florida Int'l Airport	\$ 2,472.50
SAN	San Diego Int'l Airport, Lindbergh	\$ 5,631.01
SAT	San Antonio Int'l Airport	\$ 4,063.76
SAV	Savannah Int'l Airport	\$ 1,951.50
SBA	Santa Barbara Municipal Airport	\$ 407.71
SDF	Louisville Int'l Airport	\$ 347.67
SEA	Seattle-Tacoma Int'l Airport	\$ 11,149.36
SFO	San Francisco Int'l Airport	\$ 38,770.86
SJC	San Jose Int'l Airport	\$ 3,965.87
SJU	Luis Munoz Marin Int'l Airport	\$ 7,526.16
SLC	Salt Lake City Int'l Airport	\$ 5,549.95
SMF	Sacramento Int'l Airport	\$ 4,554.86
SNA	John Wayne Airport	\$ 3,789.71
STL	Lambert St Louis Int'l Airport	\$ 5,118.03
STT	Cyril E. King Int'l Airport	\$ 525.00
SYR	Syracuse-Hancock Int'l Airport	\$ 474.98
TLH	Tallahassee Regional Airport	\$ 234.11
TPA	Tampa Int'l Airport	\$ 6,094.61
TUL	Tulsa Int'l Airport	\$ 1,914.71
TUS	Tucson Int'l Airport	\$ 534.68
TVC	Cherry Capital Airport	\$ 278.03
Total	Subtotal - U.S. Currency	\$ 756,493.90
	Subtotal - Foreign Currency	\$ 9,265.25
	Grand Total	\$ 765,759.15

IV. Conclusion

TSA will continue to inform Congress on the use of unclaimed money to improve civil aviation security. TSA is committed to protecting the Nation's transportation systems to ensure the freedom of movement for people and commerce. TSA strives to ensure that all traveler property, including loose change, finds its way back to the proper owner. Unclaimed money that passengers inadvertently leave behind at airport screening checkpoints is directed to critical aviation security programs. In FY 2016, TSA will use unclaimed money collected through FY 2015 to support the TSA Pre✓[®] expansion effort.