

# **GREATER BINGHAMTON AIRPORT**

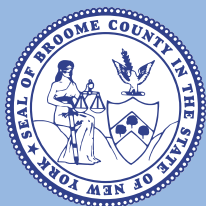


**2021**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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## **BROOME COUNTY DEPT. OF AVIATION**



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# 2021 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT



2021 ended much like it opened, with the ongoing fight against the Covid-19 pandemic and variants raging and the travel industry looking for opportunities for growth. The Greater Binghamton Airport capitalized on some of those opportunities in that the overall operations (takeoffs, landings, use by aircraft) increased by over 2,000 operations from 2020. The staff at BGM continued to press on and make a difference for our Community and users of the Airport by supporting air service and events. Our team stayed nimble throughout the year as there was no shortage of action at the Airport in 2021.

We were excited to have some large community events at the Greater Binghamton Airport. The major event was the 2021 Greater Binghamton Air Show that was headlined by the USAF F-16 Thunderbird Demo Team. The planning began in late January and culminated June 17th and 18th. The Airport along with 25 sponsors welcomed 10 different performance acts, and over 10,000 spectators. However, it wouldn't be an Upstate NY event without weather being a factor for an outdoor event. The June 18th performance day was canceled due to weather and all ticket holders were issued refunds. The Airport hosted a Twin Tier Honor Flight on September 15th that saw our local Veterans take a chartered plane to Washington D.C. and return home to a Hero's Welcome. Finally, we were able to welcome back the annual Airport Trick-or-Treat event for local children to participate in Airport Halloween festivities.

An area that has been hit hard by the pandemic, especially at our Airport, is air service. While the General Aviation, Military, and Itinerate operations increased from 2020, the Commercial Air Service operations have not. Enplanements, however, did experience growth over 2020 as more passenger utilized BGM. In 2021, we met with 12 different Airlines throughout the year to push for additional and new Air Service. In addition, the Greater Binghamton Airport was awarded a \$1,000,000 grant as a minimum revenue guarantee for new service through the Small Community Air Service Development Program via the U.S. Department of Transportations' Federal Aviation Administration. This grant will assist 2022 efforts to secure new air service for our Airport.

At BGM we were fortunate to complete a large project that created a new taxiway located parallel to our secondary runway. We also conducted design projects for the Airfield Lighting and Electrical Vault, as well as the Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS) Rehabilitation. These Capital Airport Improvement Projects (AIP) were fully funded by the FAA and provided no local tax burden. We have continued to be aggressive with soliciting and obtaining grants this past year. We successfully obtained New York State grants for our Parking and Revenue Control rehabilitation project and for the Design of Customs and Border Protection and Terminal HVAC renovations. An application for the Upstate Airport Revitalization Competition was also submitted, to which we anxiously await word on the award.

As we move into 2022, we will double down on our commitment to add air service capacity and increase our non-commercial airline revenue sources. We expect Airport wide growth as we climb out of the Pandemic's wake. We have positioned ourselves to be an attractive market to new airlines and business opportunities.

We thank you all for your support and for choosing BGM.

Sincerely,  
Mark Heefner  
Commissioner of Aviation



# AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

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# AIRPORT STAFF

**COMMISSIONER OF AVIATION:** Mark Heefner

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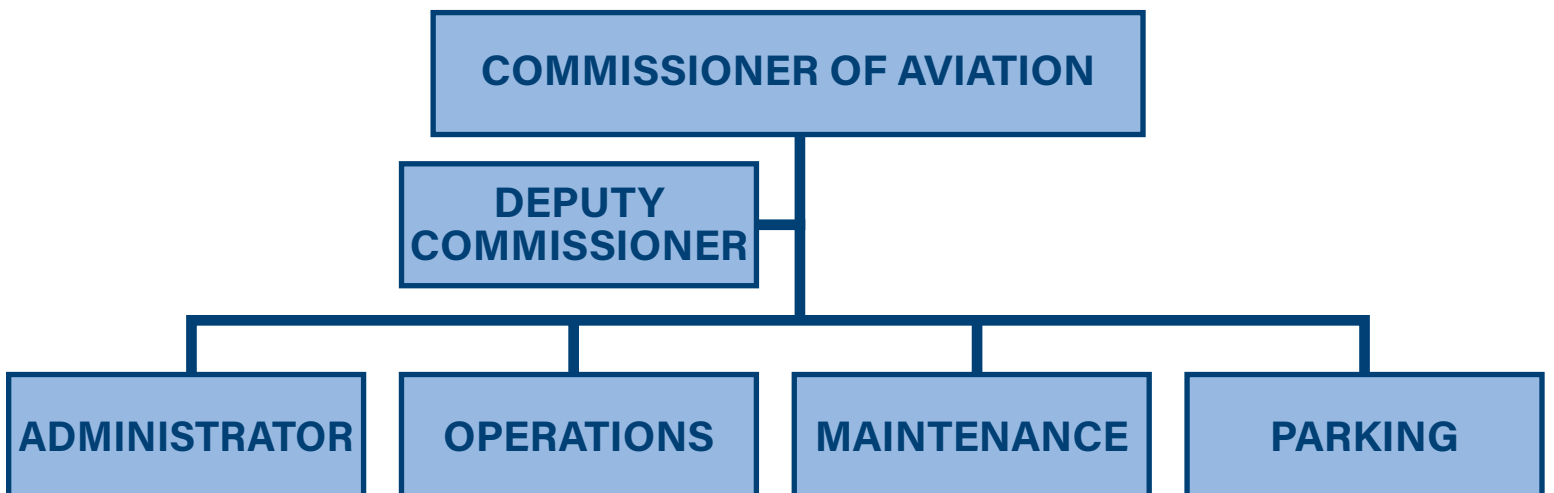
**ADMINISTRATION:** Lilia Woodward (Principal Account Clerk)

**OPERATIONS:** David Hill (Sr. Operations Specialist), John Radice, Michael Norton, James Gargano

**MAINTENANCE:** Jeffery Kliment (Maintenance Supervisor), Joe Hektor, Mark Rinker, James Pittsley, Katy Portz, George Fuller, Zach Pittsley

**CUSTODIAL:** William “Red” Davis, Thomas Schmid

**PARKING:** James Thompson, Joseph Colletti





## AIRPORT SERVICES

### **AERO-TECHNIQUES**

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 (607) 770-9541  
 JoeVRizzo@aol.com

### **GOODRICH AVIATION DEVELOPMENT**

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## AIRPORT OPERATIONS

<b>Airline / Air Taxi Operations:</b>	1589
<b>General Aviation Operations:</b>	6106
<b>Military Operations:</b>	225

## AIRPORT INFO

**Airport Administration:** 607-763-4471  
**Fax #** 607-763-4475

**Airport Operations:** 607-763-4474

**Airport Maintenance:** 607-763-7900

**Airport Hours:** 0400 - 0000

\*Airport staff is present 24 hours a day.

**Air traffic Control Tower Hours:** 0600 - 0000

**Runway 16-34:** 7300' X 150' grooved asphalt

**Runway 10-28:** 5002' X 150' grooved asphalt

**Runway 16-34:** High Intensity Runway Lights

**Runway 10-28:** Medium Intensity Runway Lights

\*Pilot controlled lighting from 0000-0600

### **Air Traffic Control Frequencies**

Clearance Delivery: .....	125.05
ATIS:.....	128.15
Ground.....	121.90
Tower .....	119.30
Approach/Departure.....	118.60
New York Center.....	132.175
Fixed Base Operator FirstAir.....	129.55



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Border Protection**

The Customs office allows general aviation and business aircraft to make Greater Binghamton Airport their destination when departing from international locations. This allows the aircraft to avoid having to first stop at another airport when entering the country prior to arriving at BGM. International freight may also be cleared here. (607) 763-4294

## BROOME SECURITY

The Broome County Government Security division provides law enforcement services that ensure the safety and security for passengers that enter the Greater Binghamton Airport. These services are designed to provide and maintain an efficient, safe, and orderly aviation experience. (607) 778-2107

## WEATHER INFO

MONTH	RAINFALL	SNOWFALL
JANUARY	1.87	16.8
FEBRUARY	2.61	29.3
MARCH	1.98	2.5
APRIL	4.86	4.6
MAY	5.29	0.2
JUNE	3.29	0
JULY	9.82	M
AUGUST	6.23	M
SEPTEMBER	4.42	M
OCTOBER	6.27	M
NOVEMBER	2.36	M
DECEMBER	3.08	18.1

*M= not reported as of 12/22/21*

## ENPLANEMENT

MONTH	2020	2021
JANUARY	2,352	505
FEBRUARY	1732	423
MARCH	1182	587
APRIL	88	832
MAY	110	1,260
JUNE	222	961
JULY	391	949
AUGUST	483	1,098
SEPTEMBER	430	1,032
OCTOBER	554	1,044
NOVEMBER	563	842
DECEMBER	585	879

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# 2021 TRIENNIAL EXERCISE



2021 Triennial Exercise was held on May 22, 2021. This is our Disaster Drill training that is conducted every three years to prepare us just in case the big one happens. Agencies from all over Broome County participate in this exercise as per our Airport Emergency Plan (AEP).

Participating parties in this year's triennial were Broome County OES, Local Hospitals and Doctors, Coroner, New York State Police, Broome Security, Sheriffs Dept, DOT, DHS, TSA, NTSB, FAA, Ambulance crews, Volunteer Fire Agencies, and Airline participation from Delta Air Lines. Without these parties this would not be a successful event. The full scale training is used to further our responses in the future, increase communications, and identify any possible deficiencies.

This year was still a challenge due to the Covid Pandemic still running rampant. Most agencies elected to participate via Zoom which gave us that extra challenge, which we overcame. The agencies that did participate in person were East Maine Fire, Maine Fire, Maine Ambulance, Choconut Center Fire and Prospect Terrace sent a crew for each vehicle for the simulation. Airport ARFF crews started the initial drill at around 9am with a simulated drill consisting of a mock CRJ crashing and breaking into two parts on the main taxiway. Once ARFF crews had established control of the scene the assisting agencies came in to support the fire control. The Ambulance crews started a triage of the patients when the fire was deemed safe enough to operate around. Back in the operations center the crews from Broome OES, Airport Admin were conducting the response parts via a hybrid of in person and zoom with outside agencies such as Hospitals, Coroners, and Airline Executives. This is a major part of the operation in which all agencies are basically now working together for one goal, save lives. There is a lot going for the agencies at this point with fire crews to put fires out, while maintaining a safety pathway for ground crews and passengers to get safely to the ambulance crews. The EMS/EMT's assess patients and if needed transport them to local Hospitals. Meanwhile the Operations Center crew gathers, relays, tabulates information and conduct public briefings from County Executive Office with News agencies.

This training is a major part of the Airport response to a crash and helps to bring the crews and agencies together to see how each other work together in certain scenarios. 2021 did bring in some challenges but all the crews were able to work through them to accomplish their role responsibilities. The challenge of limited personnel became a benefit overall as it identified areas of needed training in both Airport and responding agencies. Communication continues to be key in these situations. This drill accentuated that aspect with the hybrid approach. The use of technology becomes a greater benefit to the Airport and our supporting Agencies in emergency responses and normal operations.

As you see there are a lot of people involved to make this a success and without the support from them this would not be possible. The Greater Binghamton Airport wishes to Thank ALL the agencies for participating.

## BGM AWARDED \$1M FOR AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

In 2021 Greater Binghamton Airport was awarded \$1,000,000 as part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Small Community Air Service Development Program, also known as SCASDP. This grant will help BGM attract new service by providing airlines with startup-costs reductions. In total 78 communities in 38 States sent in grant applications. Of those airports, 22 were awarded the SCASDP grant. BGM was the only New York Airport to receive a grant.

BGM has submitted numerous applications over the years for the SCASD Program with limited success. To assist in securing this vital Air Service Development tool in 2021, we leveraged the expertise of our Air Service Consultant, Volaire. We took the initiative to meet with DOT officials to greater understand the limiting factors in past applications. A glaring deciding factor in successful applications was showing tremendous community support for the grant and potential air service. So, that is exactly what we did. The application was submitted with approximately 20 letters of support ranging from small local businesses, big corporations, to local/state offices. The application also detailed a community air service development fund set up by the Chamber. This made our application stand out from the 77 other applications in 2021 by showing our community's tremendous support and need for additional service.

The Airline industry is still recovering from economic hardships caused by COVID-19. This limits our ability to utilize the grant as quickly as our Airport and community would like. The major problems facing Airlines such as staffing shortages and aircraft delivery delays should be rectified in the coming years. As demand for air travel regains strength, Airlines will need to meet that demand. The SCASDP that we now possess situates us in a great position to offer an airline both passengers and financial assistance to meet the demands that the pandemic recovery will dictate. This will be a major focus for the staff at BGM. It will take time for the industry to stabilize and recover, but BGM will be ready when it does.



## 2021 GREATER BINGHAMTON AIRSHOW



The global COVID-19 pandemic has taken us many steps away from what we consider to be normal. Many events and experiences may have been postponed, diminished, or outright cancelled. Aviation enthusiasts rejoiced as this year, on July 17th and 18th, the Greater Binghamton Airport proudly prepared and presented the 2021 Greater Binghamton Airshow. In conjunction with Broome County Executive Jason Garnar and NYS DOH, FAA, TSA, CDC, as well as our hard-working staff and volunteers, Team BGM designed and rolled out an airshow program that safely and dutifully returned a slice of normalcy to the denizens of the Southern Tier and Northern Pennsylvania.

Patrons from far and wide came to witness the aeronautical stylings of performers both local and world renowned. The Air Show was headlined by one of the world's best Jet Demo Performance teams in the F-16's of the USAF Thunderbirds. Performers accompanied the Thunderbirds and dazzled the thousands of onlookers. US Army Golden Knights (C-147) parachute team was joined by performances by, Jerry Conley (DH-112 Vampire), RJ Gritter's airplane comedy act in his J3 Cub and Decathlon, Mark Meredith (Super Chipmunk), Scott Francis (MXS), the Geico Skytypers (SNJ-2), Jim Beasley Jr. (P-51), and the USAF's A-10 Demo Team featuring the legendary A-10C Thunderbolt II.

In a rather revolutionary fashion, airshow-goers were organized in specially designated socially distant parking areas that satisfied both moral and civic obligation to operating in these unprecedented times without sacrificing the awe and wonder an airshow can inspire. This arrangement also allowed for quick and efficient ingress and egress- which proved handy when the weather turned for the worst on the second planned day of the airshow.

Local vendors populated the Airport's West Ramp with delicious foods and interesting displays that simultaneously fed both the intrigue and appetites of the public in attendance. Companies in attendance included Vail Bros. Inc., Gramp's Concession, Pinkie's BBQ, Geico, the United States Airforce, the United States Army, the United States Navy, Veterans, American Grill, Frank's Italian Restaurant, and Spiedie and Rib Pit.



The 2021 Greater Binghamton Airshow presented by Tioga Downs Casino, would not have been possible without the donations from our generous sponsors and the hard work of all included.



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- Broome County OES
- Broome County Sheriff Dept.
- Broome Security
- Broome County Highway Dept.
- Broome County Public works
- NY State Police
- NYDOT
- Broome County Transit
- FAA

Although the final day of the Air Show ended up being cancelled, the 2021 Greater Binghamton Air Show will be looked back on as a resounding success. It brought a sense of normalcy back to the Broome County Community while featuring the hard work and dedication of over 250 Broome County employees. More than 10,000 spectators were able to enjoy the one of a kind Jet Team performances of the United States Military's Air Crew, marvel at the incredible skill of acrobatic pilots, and experience the Greater Binghamton Airport's runways and taxiways.





## 2021 TWIN TIERS HONOR FLIGHT

September 15th, 2021 was a special day at Greater Binghamton Airport, as we hosted Twin Tiers Honor Flight Mission 10 from our Hangar 1. Part of the national Honor Flight network, Twin Tiers Honor Flight is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing veterans with a free trip to Washington DC to visit their memorials and Arlington National Cemetery.

156 veterans, guardians, and Honor Flight support staff boarded an American Airlines Airbus A-320 at 6:00am and promptly departed for Washington's Reagan National Airport. Upon arrival, the group boarded buses and headed into Washington D.C. There, they visited the Vietnam, World War II, Marine Corps and Air Force memorials. The memorial visitation concluded with the honor of laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

The veterans and their guardians flew back to BGM that evening and were welcomed home by a large crowd in Hangar 1. The crowd consisted entirely of invited guests, as each veteran was given passes to give to people whom they chose to be there for their special day.



The returning heroes were welcomed back home with a short ceremony that consisted of an Honor Guard by Civil Air Patrol, heart-felt thank-you's from County Executive Jason Garner, U.S. Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, State Senator Fred Akshar, Airport Commissioner Mark Heefner, as well as a musical tribute performed by Edward P. Maloney Memorial Pipe Band. The Veterans shared stories of their day with loved ones as their adventure came to a close.

For more information about Twin Tiers Honor Flight, please visit [www.twintiershonorflight.org](http://www.twintiershonorflight.org)

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