

# Okaloosa County News Release



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Airports Director Greg Donovan, 651-7160

Photo Caption: Tracy Stage, A.A.E., (left) received recognition upon the earned distinction of Accredited Airport Executive, at a recent County Commission meeting, from Airports Director Greg Donovan.

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## **Tracy Stage, NWF Regional Airport, Earns A.A.E. Accreditation: Accredited Airport Executive, by the American Association of Airport Executives**

Deputy Director Tracy Stage, A.A.E., has earned the distinction of Accredited Airport Executive, by the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). “Tracy has been with Okaloosa County over six years and during that time has exhibited professionalism and high energy in all he does for our airports,” stated Chairman Don Amunds, District 2 Commissioner.

In order to qualify, Tracy successfully completed three phases of the accreditation process: (1) pass a 180-item multiple-choice examination, (2) fulfill a writing requirement, and (3) demonstrate, in the final interview by the panel of accredited airport executives, his knowledge of airport management, business administration, and general transportation economics. Tracy’s achievement attests to his ability to meet these stringent requirements, and his experience in managing a public airport.

Tracy joins an elite group of airport executives who have completed all requirements of the 59-year-old program. At present, fewer than 10 percent of AAAE’s members throughout the country have earned the distinction.

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