

Safety First – Always

By now many of you have heard that 3 of our colleagues were injured when they were involved in an assault at one of the gates involving a member of the public who should not have been there. I have been assured that the stakeholders, Transport Canada, CATSA, RCMP, YVRAA, as well as our corporate security are investigating where the processes failed.

We are also in discussion with the company to ensure this does not ever happen again.

Many of you will remember that there was a drive by shooting a little over three years ago that had a bullet come through one of the window panes in the Atrium. However in this incident the individual was able to breach security and ended up on one of our bridges and ultimately our aircraft. An area of the airport where we feel relatively safe.

For those of you who were involved, just remember we have access to the EAP program.

I know we do our ART and safety modules but take a moment to refresh your memories and be mindful of these points.

- 1) Situational Awareness – Always have an exit route
- 2) Stay safe – Keep your distance. (Those with substance abuse may have superhuman strengths)
- 3) Call 9-1-1. Get the authorities there! Then call STOC to protect our staff and equipment. Call YVRAA. It is their building after all.

We should not have to worry about getting assaulted or shot at while at work.

In solidarity,
Eric