



## Memorandum

**Memorandum No: 25-047**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

**DATE:** April 29, 2025

**SUBJECT: 2025 Fort Lauderdale Air Show**

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On Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4, 2025, the Fort Lauderdale Air Show tour returns to Fort Lauderdale Beach. The program kicks off around 12:00 pm each day and runs until about 3:00 pm. This year, performers include the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, U.S. Coast Guard Search & Rescue Demo, F-22 Raptor Team Demo, FL Air National Guard F-15 Eagles, NORAD Intercept Demo, P-51 Mustang Demo, and Southern Command Parachute Commandos. Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) is pleased to be serving as home base for the U.S. Navy Blue Angels this year.

On Wednesday, April 30, the Blue Angels land at FXE, and the Mayor and City Commission are invited to greet the pilots when they arrive. Arrival of the performers is scheduled at approximately 3:55 pm. Media Day will also take place at FXE on Wednesday at approximately 4:00 pm and the Mayor and Commission will have the opportunity to welcome additional performers to the City. To participate please park at the FXE Administration Building and an escort will be provided to the Flightline. Please contact Rufus James, at 954-828-4968 or [rjames@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:rjames@fortlauderdale.gov) if you plan on attending.

On Friday, May 2, 2025, a combined Air Show/Formula 1 "Friday Night Party" will be held at Las Olas Oceanside Park and will include U.S. Navy officers and enlisted sailors beginning at 6:00 pm. Staff will be sharing more information on this event as it becomes available.

On Saturday May 3, and Sunday May 4, 2025, at approximately 12:00 pm the City Commission can meet at Show Center (north of FXE Chalet) to welcome the Air Show attendees as part of the daily opening ceremonies.

You will likely see (and hear) performers flying throughout Fort Lauderdale during the week of the Air Show. Practice days are scheduled for Thursday, May 1, and Friday, May 2, 2025. Practice schedules are subject to change and therefore specific times are not published.

Tickets are available for the City Commission to attend the Fort Lauderdale Air Show on either Saturday May 3, or Sunday, May 4, 2025, which will include one parking pass and a catered lunch at the FXE Chalet. Kindly RSVP to [Lblanco@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:Lblanco@fortlauderdale.gov) by Thursday, May 1, to confirm your attendance and preferred date, and if you would be available to participate in that day's opening ceremony. Additional information regarding gift disclosure can be provided.

We look forward to sharing this exciting event with you. See further below for the general Run of Show as currently anticipated. For more information, including the featured performers and schedule, please visit: <https://fortlauderdaleairshow.com>.

**Run of Show**

<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025</b>	
3:45 PM	Arrive at FXE for 3:55 PM Blue Angels # 1- 6 Arrival at FXE (Airport Administration Building)
4:00PM	Media availability at FXE- (speaking opportunity for the City Commission)
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025</b>	
6:00PM	AirDOT Show/Formula One Friday Night Party (more information to follow)
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025</b>	
9:00AM	Airshow venue opens
12:00PM	Opening ceremony (speaking opportunity for the City Commission)
12:15PM	Airshow performers begin
3:00PM	Airshow concludes with Blue Angels performance
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025</b>	
9:00AM	Airshow venue opens
12:00PM	Opening ceremony (speaking opportunity for the City Commission)
12:15PM	Airshow performers begin
3:00PM	Airshow concludes with Blue Angels performance

Please contact Rufus James, Airport Director, at 954-828-4968 or [rjames@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:rjames@fortlauderdale.gov) with any questions or concerns.

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