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## **FAA South Carolina Flight Standards District Office Names Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year**

*SC Aviation Association and SC Aeronautics Commission AMT of the Year  
Ryan Turiak of Aircraft Maintenance Services honored*

**Columbia, S.C.** – Ryan Turiak, avionics technician at Aircraft Maintenance Services Inc., was named the 2019 S.C. FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) of the Year earlier this month.

“I have hired and trained many young men in my 40 years of aircraft maintenance, but Ryan is the best that I have ever trained,” said Frank Shumpert, owner of Aircraft Maintenance Services. “Ryan is multi-talented. As both a pilot and A&P certified technician, he has a better understanding of problems pilots face and can resolve issues quickly to keep everyone safe.”

Turiak was nominated for the FAA award after receiving the South Carolina Aviation Association and South Carolina Aeronautics Commission AMT of the Year Award in August. AMTs are integral to the aviation industry, keeping aircraft operational by performing repairs, inspections and scheduled maintenance, and the organizations chose to recognize this important role during Aviation Week, August 18 – 24, 2019.

Pilot Randy Willard nominated Ryan for the August award, stating, “Ryan provides superior avionics repair and service. He is an excellent source of information, he maintains a hunger in furthering his knowledge within his field, and he is dedicated to providing exceptional service.”

South Carolina Aviation Week is a statewide celebration of the economic and education impact of airports and the aviation industry. Centered around National Aviation Day on August 19, Aviation Week is planned in partnership by South Carolina Aviation Association and South Carolina Aeronautics Commission and will be celebrated August 16 – 22, 2020.

South Carolina Aviation Association actively promotes and encourages aviation and airport development to meet air transportation needs and assist the state in achieving economic development goals. Its membership is comprised of airports and aviators across South Carolina, as well as aviation industry partners. For more information, please visit [scaonline.com](http://scaonline.com).

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