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**AIRPORT DIRECTOR, GENE COSSEY
IS AWARDED CERTIFICATION**

Newport City Manager, Jim Voetberg, announced today, that Airport Director, Gene Cossey, has been designated a Certified Member (C.M.) of the American Association of Airport Executives.

Last week, Cossey took and passed the American Association of Airport Executives certification exam. This exam, and designation, is the first step to becoming a fully Accredited Airport Executive (AAE). To continue with the AAE accreditation, Cossey will need to complete an extensive research paper on a unique subject regarding aviation management, and present a lengthy oral examination, before a review board, on any number of airport management subjects.

The Certified Member examination, that Cossey took last week, consists of a 180 question proctored test covering: finance and administration; planning, construction, and environmental issues; airport operations, security, and maintenance; and aviation legislative affairs, marketing and communications, and air service development.

Cossey is the Newport's first Airport Director to obtain this certification, and one of only 13 C.M.'s in Oregon. Voetberg stated, "the city is proud of Cossey for pursuing this prestigious designation, and will encourage his pursuit of the Accredited Airport Executive designation."

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