

TIME OFF AWARD  
SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

Recommending Official: Humberto D. Melendez  
Operational Supervisor

Approving Official: James H. Gilbert  
Air Traffic Manager

NAME OF EMPLOYEE: Clinton M. Matheny Jr.  
PRESENT TITLE, SERIES, GRADE: Air Traffic Control Specialist, FG-2152-14  
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
DATE/PERIOD OF CONTRIBUTION: March 1, 1997, through February 4, 1998

JUSTIFICATION FOR AWARD: During the period of March 1 - August 9, 1997, Mr. Matheny demonstrated exceptional performance while being involved in three flight assists. The first two mentioned were submitted to the regional office as "Outstanding Flight Assist." On March 1, 1997, Mr. Matheny provided an emergency surveillance approach to N1183C who was on top of a solid overcast layer and was unable to make a VFR descent. On April 19, 1997, Mr. Matheny provided an emergency surveillance approach to N666BG, a VFR pilot who encountered IFR conditions. In the aforementioned flight assists, Mr. Matheny provided vectors, altitude assignments, and position reports relative to the airports while working moderate traffic. On August 9, 1997, Mr. Matheny was working the Final South when N4751W, an aircraft on left downwind to Runway 27, reported smoke in the cockpit and needed an immediate descent and landing. Mr. Matheny quickly coordinated with the departure controller and the tower to restrict departures at a lower altitude in order to descend the emergency aircraft. Mr. Matheny vectored the aircraft between two arrivals to Runway 27, where the aircraft landed and the pilot abandoned the aircraft upon landing. Additionally, on February 4, 1998, Mr. Matheny, while working the South, received a handoff of a flight of three Navy F18 fighters with less than 30 minutes of fuel remaining. The weather throughout the area was low IFR, the Ellington TACAN was out of service, and the fighters were not equipped with ILS instruments. Mr. Matheny provided surveillance to Runway 17R at Ellington, where the fighters broke out at 400 feet and landed without incident.

AWARD AMOUNT: As described in the Air Traffic Recognition Program, the above contribution of moderate value/limited application, may be recognized with a time off award. Therefore, I recommend that a time off award in the amount of 8 hours be granted.