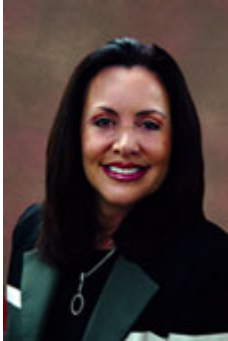


**LAUREN STOVER**  
**Assistant Aviation Director for Security and Communications**



Lauren Stover is the Assistant Aviation Director for Security and Communications, a division created within the Miami-Dade Aviation Department in 2006, and a consolidation of functions not found in most U.S. airports. She is responsible for all security and communications activities in the County's system of airports.

Stover, a 23-year veteran of Miami-Dade County government, was recruited in 2003 by the newly created Transportation Security Administration (TSA) from a senior management position she held at Miami International Airport (MIA) for nearly a decade. The federal agency, created in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, tasked Stover with building a comprehensive public affairs operation within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the southeastern United States and named her chief media spokesperson for more than 60 airports. In 2004, she was promoted to Eastern Field Director for TSA's Office of Strategic Communications, overseeing security-related public outreach programs for more than 200 airports in 20 states. During her tenure she was at the helm of many sensitive news stories impacting the Department of Homeland Security and conducted in-depth interviews with many major news organizations on matters of national security.

As the Assistant Aviation Director for Security and Communications, she oversees a broad variety of functions, which include: designing, creating and implementing information campaigns, working with local, national and international media; as well as working closely with regulatory and law enforcement agencies operating at MIA and the County's five General Aviation airports.

During her tenure with DHS, Stover was hand-picked by the Department to stand up a Joint Information Center in New Orleans under Vice Admiral Thad Allen, designated as the Principal Federal Official to lead the federal recovery efforts during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Her knowledge of incident management extends well beyond the aviation sector, having been the first Public Affairs Director in DHS to test a key role in the National Response Plan during the largest weapons of mass destruction exercise in U.S. history. She is highly trained in handling incidences of national significance and is regarded by the Department of Homeland Security as one of the top crisis managers in the U.S.

She has worked with virtually all key law enforcement agencies, local and federal, on homeland and aviation security events and issues, and is well known in the aviation community. During the past three years, she has worked closely in South Florida with Customs and Border Protection, Federal Air Marshals, U.S. Coast Guard, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.