

# the Winnipeg FIR

## TRAINING DEPARTMENT

### 2020 Instructor Meeting Summary

Held by: C/I Ethan Mason

#### In Attendance

Name	Position / Staff Title
Nate Power	FIR Chief
Kolby Dunning	Deputy FIR Chief
Ethan Mason	Chief Instructor
Karl Sawatzky	Senior Instructor
Dario Marnika	Instructor
Luke Wightman	Instructor
James White	Mentor
Jamie Harding	Mentor

#### Training Department Update

In total, Winnipeg has 19 students in training as of November 24th, 2020:

Rating	Number of Students
S1 (Student 1)	11
S2 (Student 2)	3
S3 (Student 3)	5

The Trello board looks nice and updated. Would like to see more better form. for example the use of last names in caps (eg. "MASON needs to work on VFR phraseology, MASON is very good with IFR phraseology, etc.")

One thing that would be nice would be to see a "Needs Work" section added, which would be updated for each student with every training session.

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### Winnipeg FIR Training Feedback

The Winnipeg FIR posted a form to all students, asking for some general feedback to their training experience in the FIR. Here is some of the feedback and suggestions the FIR received and discussed:

- The Winnipeg FIR's CBT (Computer-Based Training) system will be used as a support method to Instructors. All Instructors will do session first and student will then do the CBT module
- Recommendation: Make Centre sweatboxes - the Center Sweatboxes are a pain to make, the FIR is looking into a way to make them work.
- Situations on the network are often dynamic - and Ethan recommends Instructors elaborate a little in some cases to assist with this.
- More Sweatboxes - a handful of responses have noted the desire to build more difficult scenarios to prepare students for anything once on the network or during an exam.
- More time on route training - spent a little more training on checking and verifying routes, and looking at better flight planning.
- Instructor check-ins for people on Solo Certifications: Winnipeg FIR Staff and/or Instructors could sit on the network as an observer, and take some notes to provide students once they are done their session. This will allow for students to continue learning even while on a solo.

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### New Ideas - Would Require More Chat

Among other things discussed, those at the meeting also discussed a few possible additions and/or modifications to training. Some of these were based on comments in feedback, others were brought up by attendees.

- A training forum or “bulletin board” for students & instructors/mentors to work as a group, and share material for learning.
  - This was seen as a great idea - will take some time to code into the website, but has been added to the to-do list.
- Weekly/Monthly training days - perhaps “Training Tuesdays”, something like that, with Instructors and/or Mentors. All FIR members are invited, but priority would be given to students in training.
  - Do this only for specific ratings - for example, one week is S1-based,, next week would be for S2 training.
  - Students would staff up as many airports as able, with the supervision of Instructors or Mentors.
  - Some suggested that the FIR should look into the pros and cons to this, and look at FIRs/ARTCCs who currently do these group training sessions to see what issues they have seen when doing this, as well as any recommendations.
  - Attendees also noted to look at the students who would attend, likely making this more for S1 and S2 training - as staffing for S3s would be a little more difficult.
  - The FIR Staff stated that there would be a need for basic knowledge of the position when arriving for a training session, but this could be beneficial as many students never control any airports besides Winnipeg (CYWG/CYAV.)

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- Looking for Instructors to conduct OTS exams
  - C/I will have individuals conduct an OTS with the assistance of the C/I at first.
  - Individuals will then conduct an OTS by themselves, with supervision of F/C or C/I.
  - Once done, the Instructor will then be signed off for, and can complete OTS by themselves without supervision. This has been tested once and worked very well.
- ATCSTM documents to be updated and will be expected to be released by February of 2021.



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Winnipeg FIR Chief (ZWG1)



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