

## ***AIRPORT HISTORY***

Prior to 1943, the local citizens of the City of Terrell owned the plot of land where Terrell Municipal Airport is today. Then, in 1943, the Federal Government leased the land for the purpose of constructing and operating a flight training base during World War II. The American military airport was used for training British military pilots.

Though there were five other locations in the United States, they named this airport No.1 British Flight Training School (No.1 BFTS)

After the war in 1947, the airport was returned to the City of Terrell with the stipulation that it remain a public airport. The runways and taxiways are the only original remaining facilities. Since then, all of the other facilities have been constructed by the City of Terrell.

Terrell Municipal Airport sits on approximately 400 acres of land in Kaufman County, and is the only publicly-owned, public-use airport in the county. Since 2003, several projects have been completed, including construction of new terminal building, a runway extension and overlay (17-35), apron expansion, and T-hangar construction.

Terrell Municipal Airport is owned and operated by the City of Terrell. Currently, Terrell Aviation is the only fixed base operator (FBO) on the field and is responsible for all airport operations during normal business hours. Airport administration duties include overseeing the operation and maintenance of the buildings, runways and overall infrastructure; the marketing and promotion of the airports system in relation to area economy; and the coordination of presenting a safe, friendly and professional airport for the traveling public.

The city has also formed an airport board. The airport board consists of eight appointed individuals who serve two-year terms. The role of the airport board is to provide recommendations to the City Council regarding the current operation and future development of the airport.