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## Oakland leaders say terrorist threats won't keep them grounded

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While many people are fearful of flying since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Oakland County officials adopted a "business as usual" philosophy and continued necessary air travel.

"Our standard policy is in effect," said county Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who has made flights to Germany and Florida this month.

Security is evident at the nation's airports, said Patterson, who was patted down by security guards in Fort Lauderdale.

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County commissioner

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they'll continue flying when necessary, even though some events they would have attended have been canceled.

The county's part-time commissioners typically attend National Association of Counties' meetings out of state twice a year.

Some commissioners also serve on national subcommittees that require

more frequent travel.

Travel for the 25 county commissioners is approved by the county board chairman. Individual travel annually rarely tops \$5,000 for most commissioners.

A Sept. 12 gathering of urban county commissioners from around the country in Clarkston was canceled when the nation's airports shut down.

And NACO has since postponed other events. A three-day seminar on state and local government scheduled for next week in Virginia has been canceled.

But commissioners said they'll continue to fly when necessary.

"I do have a visit down south in store in the next several weeks and I will make that trip," said Commissioner David L. Moffitt, R-Farmington Hills. "I intend to proceed with business as usual. I have more trepidation about long lines and airport security."

Commissioner Sue Douglas, R-Rochester, also has flown since Sept. 11, to Jacksonville, Fla., on Oct. 1.

Despite no curbside check-in, plane changes and a two-hour security and check-in process, she also plans to continue flying when necessary.

"I'm not going to let these turkeys control my life," she said.