



MEDIA ADVISORY

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SUBJECT: Grand Junction Regional Airport Places New Fire Truck in Service

The newest tool to ensure passenger safety for all who use the Grand Junction Regional Airport will be placed into service, Thursday, May 2. After an introduction by Airport Aircraft Rescue Fire Chief, Ted Balbier, the inauguration of the new fire truck will include a ceremonial water arch of the truck followed by cake and refreshments at Grand Junction Regional Airport.

Aircraft Rescue Fire Trucks are specialized vehicles that have a normal service life of approximately 10 years. The original Oshkosh T-1500 ARFF truck was built in the early 1980's, has over 20 years of service, and is experiencing high maintenance costs to keep it in service.

The vehicle's dedicated use is to keep the flying public and Grand Junction employee's safe by mitigating Aircraft emergencies and fires. The new fire truck along with the current trained fire crew is the first responder vehicle capable of reaching an aircraft within 3 minutes of any incident.

This vehicle has updated controls for remote operation of the nozzle. The new truck has a fully electronic cab, with drivers using joystick controls for quick and precise response.

The vehicle cost \$736,842.11, of which 90% was paid with a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration, 5% was paid with a State of Colorado, Department of Transportation grant and the remaining 5% paid using airport cash reserves. FAA regulations require the Airport to provide aircraft rescue and firefighting capability and the addition of this equipment enables the Airport to ensure a high level of readiness.

You are invited to attend the fire truck inauguration at Grand Junction Regional Airport.

When: Thursday, May 2, 2013
10:00 a.m.

Where: Grand Junction Regional Airport Fire Station
807 Eagle Drive
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Interviews available with: Ted Balbier, Grand Junction Regional Airport Fire Chief.