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Palm Springs International Airport Receives Two New Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting Vehicles

Palm Springs, California –Palm Springs International Airport recently took possession of two new Oshkosh Striker 1500 Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) vehicles, which are replacing two older vehicles that were originally purchased in 2003.

Fast Facts:

- Make & Model: Both are Oshkosh Striker 1500
- Manufactured in Appleton, WI
- Delivered the weekend of August 22, 2021
- Expected lifespan of 15 years
- Each truck carries:
 - 1,500 gallons of water
 - 210 gallons of foam
 - 500lbs of dry chemical-potassium
- Total Cost of \$1.7M
 - 90% of cost covered with federal funds
 - 10% of cost covered with local airport funds

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Regulations require that commercial service airports maintain a certain level of rescue and firefighting equipment and capability. These new trucks will ensure that the Airport is able to meet FAA requirements for years to come.

ARFF vehicles stay at the airport and are always ready to respond to aircraft alerts, fuel spills, hazmat situations, and other emergencies that may arise at PSP. On some occasions, the Airport's ARFF vehicles may provide mutual aid for off-airport emergencies, such as the fuel spill in Banning along I-10 last month. In this situation, PSP was able to provide one ARFF vehicle to assist CalFire and still meet all FAA requirements to keep the airport safe and operational. CalFire requested PSP's assistance as a precaution against the fuel spill since ARFF vehicles can quickly put out a fuel fire by spraying several inches of foam, blocking all oxygen, and preventing a possible wildfire.

"These new ARFF vehicles provide the Airport's ARFF staff with the best equipment possible," said Harry Barrett, Assistant Executive Director of Aviation. "Palm Springs International Airport and Palm Springs Fire Department continually train and maintain emergency preparedness to provide the best protection, and now we have the newest technology and equipment for the airport and our traveling public."

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ABOUT PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) is owned and operated by the City of Palm Springs and is the only commercial service airport in the Coachella Valley. The airport's 11 air carriers provide nonstop service to 14 airports year-round and 35 airports in the Valley's primary tourist season, 30 in the United States and 5 in Canada. US nonstop airports include Atlanta, Austin, Bellingham, Boise, Boston, Chicago Midway, Chicago O'Hare, Dallas Love, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Des Moines, Eugene, Everett, Fort Lauderdale, Houston, Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Nashville, New York City-JFK, Oakland, Phoenix, Portland, Provo, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, San Jose, and Seattle. Canadian nonstop airports include Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver, and Winnipeg. PSP is served by Air Canada, Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Flair, jetBlue, Southwest, Sun Country, United, and WestJet. Some airlines and routes operate only on a seasonal basis at PSP.

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