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TSA Deploys Passenger Screeners To Additional 20 Airports; TSA Now Has Federal Screeners in 122 Airports

Acting Under Secretary of Transportation for Security Adm. James M. Loy announced that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) today deployed federal screeners to 20 airports, bringing the total number of airports with federal screeners to 122.

"TSA continues to exceed expectations, already having recruited, trained and deployed federal screeners to 122 airports." Adm. Loy said. "We remain confident that we will meet the Nov. 19 deadline for having federal screeners deployed in all 429 commercial airports."

Airports receiving federal screeners today are:

Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC), Anchorage, AK (checkpoint at South Terminal, Concourse A)

Fairbanks International Airport (FAI), Fairbanks, AK (all checkpoints) Juneau International Airport (JNU), Juneau, AK (all checkpoints)

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX), Phoenix, AZ (Terminals 2 and 3)

Colorado Springs Municipal (COS), Colorado Springs, CO (partial) Miami International Airport (MIA), Miami, FL (baggage screeners only) Des Moines International Airport (DSM), Des Moines, IA (all checkpoints) Ft. Wayne International Airport - Baer Field (FWA), Ft. Wayne, IN (all checkpoints)

Wichita Mid-Continent Airport (ICT), Wichita, KS (all checkpoints) Jackson International Airport (JAN), Jackson, MS (all checkpoints) Billings Logan International Airport (BIL), Billings, MT (all checkpoints) Eppley Airfield (OMA), Omaha, NE (all checkpoints)

Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF), Cheektowago, NY (all checkpoints)

James M. Cox Dayton International Airport (DAY), Dayton, OH (all checkpoints)

Toledo Express Airport (TOL), Swanton, OH (all checkpoints) Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE), West Columbia, SC (all checkpoints) Midland International Airport (MAF), Midland, TX (all checkpoints) Corpus Christi International Airport (CRP), Corpus Christi, TX (all checkpoints)

Lubbock International Airport (LBB), Lubbock, TX (all checkpoints) Austin Straubel International Airport (GRB), Green Bay, WI (all checkpoints)

The first federal passenger screeners were deployed April 30 to Baltimore/Washington International Airport, which served as the prototype for other rollouts that began June 28. Since then, more than 31,200 screeners have been hired.

The 31,200 screeners hired by TSA have come from a pool of more than 1.28 million completed applications. Over 32,000 passenger screeners will be deployed by the Nov. 19, 2002 deadline for TSA to assume responsibility for passenger screening at the nation's commercial airports. Congress also mandated TSA to screen all checked luggage for explosives by Dec. 31, 2002. To do that, TSA is hiring more than 22,000 baggage screeners.

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