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## DFW AIRPORT STATUS UPDATE

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Alvy Dodson- Vice President and Director of Public Safety - DFW Airport

Our department would like to offer our sympathy and condolences to our fellow officers and firemen who lost their lives in New York, in service to their city and our country. Many of us knew somebody who died. We send our heartfelt thoughts to their families and friends.

Now, I wanted to give you a brief update on our security efforts today at DFW Airport. Our increased presence in all terminals and on the tarmac continues with the assistance of our 85 federal officers now assigned to DFW Airport.

We did have one situation today that you might have heard about --- a gentlemen flying through DFW Airport from Little Rock on his way to Hartford Connecticut was seen by an American Airlines flight attendant carrying a small Swiss army knife. The flight attendant told the pilot, the pilot confiscated the knife, then called Airport security. All passengers on the AA Flight 468 to Hartford flight were re-screened and their baggage re-checked here at DFW Airport, with no other items found. For any more information about the flight, please contact American Airlines.

You'll also notice that more screening is taking place at all security checkpoints today. As you know, all screening operations are administered by the airlines. However, we at DFW wanted to help them out in this crunch time, and have purchased 750 of these metal-detecting wand. We are glad to assist in this process, and we continue to stress, it's a total team effort to assure safety and security here at the Airport.

And there are other important members of this team effort -- the traveling public and our own employees. We encourage you to speak up if you see anything suspicious. We appreciate you being more eyes and ears in this critical operation.

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Over the past few days, we've responded to numerous reports of suspicious people, packages and vehicles.

We checked out every one of them out and found no problems.

Keep it up. We appreciate it.

Lastly, I would like to thank the numerous police, fire and emergency teams from departments around North Texas who have offered their assistance and manpower during this critical time period. We will also continue working closely with the FBI and all federal security agencies.

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