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DFW AIRPORT IMPLEMENTS SECURITY MEASURES ABOVE FAA MANDATES; URGES LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES TO FUND ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES

One week from tragedy, flight operations continue to climb; Passenger care ongoing

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (September 18, 2001) — DFW Airport is one of the first airports in the country to implement enhanced security measures above the FAA's current mandates. Airport officials are also in the process of sending a letter today to the entire Texas congressional delegation suggesting aggressive initiatives to further enhance security at airports across the nation.

Highlighting the initiatives, DFW Airport is urging Congress to federalize security at passenger checkpoints and order retroactive background checks of all airline personnel and other individuals with access to Airport ramps and secure areas. The Airport is also asking Congress to expand use of the passenger facility charge and Airport Improvement Program (AIP) to fund new security measures.

Prior to resuming flight operations last Thursday, DFW Airport implemented several heightened security measures – above and beyond the FAA's current mandates – in cooperation with airlines and concessionaires, through its Department of Public Safety.

Currently,

1. The Airport has closed all automated "airline only" entrances. Terminal employees are now required to pass through the passenger security checkpoints or undergo additional security screening before reporting to work beyond the security checkpoints.

2. Airport employee trains are no longer in use. All employees must use the public Airport trains and pass through security checkpoints or undergo additional security screening.

3. The Airport has removed all knives and other cutting instruments from kitchens and back storage areas of restaurants and stores. That initiative also goes beyond the new FAA mandate that no one entering the terminals will be allowed to bring knives, pocketknives, box cutters, blades or scissors past the security checkpoints. Concessionaires have removed all knives and metal cutlery from the terminals and may provide plastic cutlery to their customers.

"DFW Airport continues to be proactive when it comes to maintaining the highest level of security in our terminals, and we think our security initiatives and recommendations to Congress should be thoroughly reviewed and supported by every airport in the country," says Kevin Cox, senior executive vice president at DFW Airport. "We think it's important that every visitor and every passenger to DFW Airport know that we're staying ahead of the curve in these critical areas."

Meanwhile, Monday's flight operations continued to climb for a sixth straight day. At noon today, DFW Airport recorded a total of 658 flight operations, including 345 arrivals and 313 departures.

On Monday, the Airport reported a total of 1,783 flight operations, 77.5 percent of the Airport's normal 2,300 daily flight operations. Those figures include 878 arrivals and 905 departures.

The Airport also continues to adjust its budget figures as a result of the events of September 11. The Airport implemented its contingency plan for a budget shortfall last week, and has implemented an immediate \$10 million budget cut. However, all ongoing capital development projects, including Terminal D and the Automated People Mover system, remain in progress and on budget.

Currently, the Airport is projecting a \$4.5 million loss ending with its fiscal year on September 30.

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