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**DFW AIRPORT BREAKS GROUND ON NEW
FIRE/RESCUE FACILITY**

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Fifth station called a potential "life saver" for passengers
in central terminal areas

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (April 15, 2002) — DFW's fire and rescue team continues its national leadership in safety and security by breaking ground today on a new fire/rescue facility dedicated to providing faster service to the Airport's 55 million annual passengers. Station 5 will be located at 3150 N. Service Road and cut call times to emergencies at DFW's four terminals by a full minute.

Of the 3,000-plus calls for Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS), approximately 80 percent are handled in the Central Terminal Area (CTA).

"In the post 9/11 world, Station 5 is essential to providing our passengers with a quick response in any emergency situation," says James Crites, executive vice president of operations at DFW. "And with our new international Terminal D coming on-line, it is essential that DFW meet the demand for new service and excellent customer care. Station 5 and our fire and rescue crews stationed there will provide it."

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The current four stations were designed and built primary to respond to Federal requirements that mandate fire protection be in place to cover the runways. These four stations are strategically located in the four quadrants of the Airport in close proximity to the seven runways allowing quick response to aircraft in trouble. From these four stations, eight Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) vehicles, four structural firefighting vehicles, and three Mobile Intensive Care Units (MICU) are on standby to respond to all emergencies.

Currently, EMS and fire calls average four to six minutes. With the opening of Station 5, the response times will be reduced to the CTA by a full minute. This means that the time a passenger or employee in the CTA calls for an ambulance, they can expect to see one at his/her side in three minutes or less. In addition to the safety benefits, the station will provide an increased level of security for the Airport. The 10 firefighter/paramedics assigned to the station are cross-trained as Peace Officers and can readily respond to any law enforcement activities at the terminals.

"In our business minutes and seconds save lives," says Alan Black, DFW's Fire Chief. "We believe the new station will save lives by providing medical, firefighting and law enforcement professionals in a more expeditious manner."

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Station 5 will comprise 23,500 square feet of living and workspace. The station includes administrative areas, training rooms, and living quarters. The station will house a minimum of 10 firefighters/paramedics who will staff one structural fire apparatus and three MICUs. The station is budgeted at eight million dollars and is scheduled to open in April of next year. The station is also an excellent example of DFW's nationally recognized efforts to identify projects for minority and women-owned business (M/WBE) participation. Wright Commercial Contracting leads the construction team, and has committed to 30 percent M/WBE participation. Design of the new facility was completed by Wiginton Hooker Jeffrey Architects, which provided 32.5 percent M/WBE participation.

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, serving 55 million passengers a year. Offering nearly 2,000 flights daily, DFW Airport provides nonstop service to 129 domestic and 26 international destinations worldwide. For the latest news, real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at DFW International Airport log on to www.dfwairport.com.

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