New State-of-Art Airport Fire Truck Dedicated at Shreveport Regional Airport

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Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover, the Shreveport Airport Authority and the Shreveport Fire Department today dedicated the newest addition of the Airport's fire truck fleet.

A new Oshkosh Striker 3000 crash vehicle was unveiled at a dedication today at the Airport's Rescue & Firefighting (ARFF) Station on Challenger Drive in the Airport's Industrial Park.

The $828,000 truck carries 3,000 gallons of water, 400 gallons of foam, and 500 pounds of the clean fire-fighting agent, Halotron 1. The unit has six wheel-all-wheel drive, and is capable of traversing all types of terrain, including wet conditions using the Central Tire Inflation System. This system increases or decreases the tire pressure, at the touch of a button, to improve traction by changing the amount of tire surface area touching the ground.

Some of the truck's other high-tech innovations include:

- A Forward Looking Infra Red camera, which allows for viewing objects through heavy smoke and fog, and allows the operator to find the hot spots in fires or hidden hot spots, or hot brake situations.
- A high-definition/resolution color camera with mega-zoom capabilities. Both of the cameras have the capability to digitally record video.
- A Drivers Enhanced Vision System consisting of an on-board computer, which uses GPS to aid in navigation of the vehicle, even in zero visibility. This unit is a requirement for airports choosing 600 feet visibility or less rating.

"Shreveport Regional Airport has repeatedly been recognized for safety by the Federal Aviation Administration," said Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover. "The new Striker 3000 truck is yet another enhancement for the safety of our citizens and passengers at Shreveport Regional Airport is our No. 1 priority."

"This new truck truly adds another level of protection at Shreveport Regional Airport," said Shreveport Airport Authority Chairman Raymond Alley. "We are truly appreciative of the support Airports Director Roy Miller has received from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development Aviation Division to purchase this truck." The truck was funded through 95 percent FAA grant funds and 5 percent by Louisiana DOTD.

"The Striker 3000, state-of-the-art technology, far exceeds all others in the existing airport fleet. It will increase both efficiency and effectiveness in fire extinguishment and rescue at one of our most important stations." according to Fire Chief Brian Crawford.

Challenger Drive is located off of West 70th on the southeast corner of Shreveport Regional Airport.

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