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SOUTHWEST IN SOUTH BEND?



SBRA frequently gets asked if Southwest Airlines might ever establish a base in South Bend. Executive Director John Schalliol commented, "While we would love for Southwest to come here, we don't see that happening in the foreseeable future. Southwest currently flies into and out of Chicago Midway, Detroit and Indianapolis. With South Bend being in the middle of that triangle, it's not likely that Southwest would choose to locate here, too. In addition, Southwest requires a population base of 4 million in a service area. We are at around 800,000 here locally, so, unfortunately we do not meet that requirement." Schalliol stressed that the airport is continually working to attract additional airlines to SBRA.

MERGER OF NORTHWEST/DELTA

Merger talks between Northwest and Delta have resulted in phone calls to SBRA from the public wanting to know how this might affect their travel.

An airline merger is a long-range process involving several government agencies and organizations, according to John Schalliol, SBRA Executive Director. Until it is final, which may be quite some time down the road, travelers should continue as usual. Schalliol added, "We do not think this potential merger will negatively affect us, at least in the short run. No matter what, we are still committed to providing the best service possible to the traveling public."

SBRA CONDUCTS LIVE BURN

If you saw smoke and flames near the northwest corner of the airport in May, we hope you weren't alarmed. We were just conducting a series of "Live Fire" training exercises, which are required for all Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) personnel at airports serviced by commercial passenger aircraft.

In addition to training the firefighters in SBRA's Department of Public Safety, we also were pleased to host teams from the Battle Creek Air National Guard, Bloomington Illinois Fire Department, and members of local mutual aid units including Clay Fire Territory and the Portage Township Fire Department.

The fires allow ARFF personnel to hone their firefighting skills as well as evaluate the effectiveness of various firefighting agents available to combat large-scale flaming liquid fires.

WE CONGRATULATE JAMES K. HUGHES FOR HIS 25 YEARS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY. MR. HUGHES CONTINUES TO SERVE WITH DISTINCTION, AND WE APPRECIATE HIS ONGOING DILIGENCE AS WE CONTINUALLY STRIVE TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES OF THE SOUTH BEND REGIONAL AIRPORT.



LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD



On behalf of the SBRA Safety Department, Chief Mike Ornat graciously accepted the 2008 Law Enforcement Partnership Award from the U.S. Attorney's office during a ceremony at the University of Notre Dame. The award is in recognition of the department's "valuable cooperation and coordination" with the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Northern District of Indiana.

TSA AWARDS SCHALLIOL

John Schalliol, SBRA Executive Director, was recently presented with a certificate from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to acknowledge his assistance in the installation of new baggage screening equipment at the airport.

Making the presentation on behalf of the TSA was Dave Kane, Federal Security Director for the State of Indiana, who noted that when TSA was created, it was assigned a number of mandates by Congress. Some were easier to accomplish than others. One that was particularly challenging and had an extremely short timeframe was the requirement to screen 100 percent of checked baggage.

The initial solution, which would have required an expenditure of up to \$500,000 and a major construction project in the terminal, was not acceptable. Kane said that South Bend Regional Airport, under the direction of Schalliol, was successful in finding a creative, cost-effective and timely solution. This solution ensured TSA's ability to move the baggage screening equipment out of the airport lobby and into the airline operations areas, thus providing better service for passengers and improved efficiency for TSA, with the additional benefit of reducing employee injury.

Schalliol thanked the local airlines and TSA for their cooperation, and the entire airport staff including Bruce MacLachlan, Manager of Operations and Maintenance, and Cliff Jenkins, Terminal Maintenance Supervisor, for their work in the successful installation of the new baggage screening equipment.

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