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Kansas City Downtown Airport (MKC) Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Building Opens

Contractors for the City of Kansas City, Mo., Aviation Department have completed a 2,900 square-foot Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting facility at Kansas City Downtown Airport (MKC) to enhance emergency response.

While the facility is considered unmanned, it will provide the infrastructure to house two ARFF vehicles and train assigned structural Kansas City Fire Department companies the correct ARFF response to Federal Aviation Administration standards. With its strategic midfield location just off Missouri 169 Highway, the facility will serve as the new location for aircraft emergency standby and response on the airfield. The building contains two side-by-side bays for ARFF vehicles designed to accommodate larger vehicles anticipated in the future. The Department has taken delivery of a new ARFF vehicles to supplement one already stationed at the airport.

Highlighted features include:

- State of the art Multi-purpose room for use in training, as a day room for firefighters between training evolutions and standbys, and as an airport emergency command post.
- A work area for minor equipment maintenance
- Storage room for needed parts and materials
- Mechanical room that includes infrastructure for heated floors
- Vehicle water re-supply capability that can fill a 1,500-gallon ARFF vehicle in no more than two minutes in an emergency event
- Heated floors for the apparatus bays, work area and storage room. Additionally, under slab piping will heat approximately a 10 ft. by 45 ft. area of exterior slab adjacent to the west bay doors in order to melt snow and ice for the emergency vehicles to get an appropriate running start to the emergency
- Appropriate security and surveillance equipment
- Provision of additional IT infrastructure which will support use of the facility as a reception site by the National Disaster Medical System in processing medical airlift patients for ground transport to local hospitals.
- Structurally built to withstand catastrophic events
- Site work improvements were made to deal with the emergency vehicle turn-around and great loaded weigh of the vehicles

The location was chosen based on operational considerations that ensure emergency vehicles response anywhere on the airfield within three minutes per FAA guidelines. The location was also immediately available as it is City property.

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