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Gerald R. Ford International Airport Passes FAA Inspection With Flying Colors

Grand Rapids, Mich. -- The Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA) recently passed its annual Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certification and safety inspection with zero discrepancies.

Commercial “air carrier” airports such as GFIA are regulated by the FAA. Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 139 proposes rules for the certification and operation of airports. This includes strict standards for governing airfield and pavement conditions, airfield lighting, snow and ice control, aircraft rescue and firefighting, personnel training and handling and storage of hazardous materials. In addition, emergency planning and wildlife hazard management are reviewed.

The three day comprehensive inspection revealed that GFIA is being operated in full compliance with FAR Part 139. The FAA applauded the Kent County Department of Aeronautics, owner and operator of GFIA, on its procedures and noted its effectiveness.

“We commend you for the procedures you are using in the day-to-day operation of the airport,” said Alberto Rodriguez, FAA Lead Airport Certification & Safety Inspector.

2013 marks the fourth consecutive year the Gerald R. Ford International Airport has not had a single discrepancy.

“I am very pleased with the recent inspection results from the FAA verifying our airfield is in excellent condition,” said GFIA Executive Director Brian Ryks.

“This is a testament to the professional staff we have working at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport and the dedication they exhibit each and every day to ensure our facilities are safe and secure for the traveling public.”

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