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Ford International Takes Delivery of New Firefighting Vehicle

The Kent County Department of Aeronautics, operator of the Gerald R. Ford International Airport, has taken delivery of a new Oshkosh Striker 1500 (Oshkosh Corporation, Oshkosh, Wisconsin) aircraft rescue firefighting (ARFF) vehicle. This new truck replaces an older vehicle in the Department's firefighting fleet.

Important features of the Striker 1500 include:

- 1,500-gallon water tank
- 210-gallon foam concentrate tank
- 1,950-gallon-per-minute water pump
- two 750-gallon-per-minute turrets

The Department of Aeronautics employs 16 full-time aircraft rescue firefighters, with personnel on-site at the airport 24/7. In addition to fire/rescue, airport firefighters are responsible for myriad other duties. For example, all airport firefighters are fully-trained and certified EMT's, and provide first-responder medical attention to airport passengers, visitors, and employees.

Gerald R. Ford International is the second busiest airport in Michigan, and ranks among the top 15% of busiest airports in the U.S. The airport currently serves approximately 2 million passengers annually.

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