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Ford Airport Police Receive Federal Recognition

The local office of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the federal agency responsible for all passenger and luggage security screening at U.S. airports, has awarded the TSA's "Friendship Award" to the Law Enforcement Division at Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA). The Friendship Award is presented to an agency or organization that has played a significant role in assisting TSA accomplish its mission of securing the nation's air transportation system.

Local TSA Director John Mumma presented the Award to GFIA Police Chief David Stricklen at the January 26 meeting of the Kent County Aeronautics Board. Commented Mumma, "The Gerald R. Ford International Airport Police Department has consistently been a model agency with which to partner. From its inception, our relationship has been one of mutual respect, an appreciation for one another's mission, and total professionalism."

This TSA award marks the third time in recent months a GFIA public safety division has been recognized by a federal agency. The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) local and regional offices separately awarded GFIA's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Division the FAA's "Good Friend Award" in recognition of medical response training provided to FAA employees.

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