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Gerald R. Ford International Airport Passes FAA Inspection with Zero Discrepancies



Grand Rapids, Mich. -- The Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA) has 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 Airport Authority, on its procedures and noted its effectiveness on the condition of the airfield, the lighting, safe construction activity, and record-keeping.



“An FAA inspection with zero discrepancies is an incredible feat,” said GFIA President & CEO Jim Gill. “This is a testament to the ongoing, year-round attention to detail our employees exhibit to ensure our facilities are safe and secure for the traveling public. I am proud to work among such a talented, efficient staff – some of the best in the country.”

The FAA also checks airport records including training and corrective action documents, and tests the airport’s emergency response.

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About GFIA

The Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA) is the second busiest airport in Michigan. The Airport served over 2.8 million passengers in 2017 and over 7,000 travelers pass through GFIA each day. The Gerald R. Ford International Airport offers nonstop service to 24 major market destinations with more than 120 daily nonstop flights. The Gerald R. Ford International Airport is managed and operated by the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority. GFIA generates over \$3.1 billion in annual economic output throughout West Michigan, and employs over 2,000 people. For more information on GFIA visit: www.flyford.org or follow the airport on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter: @FlyGRFord