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NEWS FROM ABOVE

SCAS Deploys Firefighters to New Orleans

On the afternoon of Friday, September 9, two Sacramento County Airport System (SCAS) firefighters boarded a Continental Airlines flight headed for Baton Rouge. In Baton Rouge they rented a car and drove to New Orleans. For the next few weeks Fire Operations Workers II Steven Loza and Michael Rubach will work as firefighters in the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) division at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY).

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, MSY was closed to all commercial traffic. However, MSY is serving as a major hub for hurricane response efforts and is scheduled to re-open to passenger traffic on September 13. Therefore, the airport continues to need firefighting support. Loza and Rubach are giving some of the New Orleans ARFF staff a much needed break from post-hurricane duty. During their stay, the two Sacramento firefighters will live at the ARFF station on MSY. Their duties will include responding to aircraft emergencies, on-airport medical aid calls, and other on-airport emergency situations.

SCAS sent Loza and Rubach to New Orleans in response to a request from MSY. The Sacramento County Airport System has offered to send additional personnel to the New Orleans airport if necessary.

HOLIDAY PARKING DISCOUNTS

Planning holiday travel? Sacramento International Airport is offering discounted parking as a special gift to airport visitors.

During the weeks listed below, the 24 hour parking rate will be discounted as noted:

Wednesday, November 23 through
Monday, November 28

Thursday, December 22 through
Wednesday, January 4

\$1 off Economy Parking
\$2 off Daily Parking
\$3 off Hourly Parking

TRAVEL TIPS

- *Long vacation or business trip? Check with your airline for baggage weight restrictions.*
- *Check the TSA Web site, www.tsa.gov, for information on prohibited items.*
- *Check airline Web sites often for even more travel information.*

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Taxicab Request for Proposal Approved

A new taxicab agreement is coming soon to Sacramento International Airport (SMF). On September 6, 2005 the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved the issuance of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for taxicab services at SMF. The new agreement is expected to be complete by December 2005.

SMF invites all taxicab organizations who meet the minimum requirements in the RFP to submit a proposal. Highlights of the RFP include:

- A minimum of five taxicabs must be available at SMF at all times
- The taxicab organization must routinely conduct customer service polls in addition to implementing a customer service training and testing program
- The taxicab organization must maintain a fleet of 60 vehicles that are 5 years old or newer

Under the terms of the new agreement, the existing taxicab usage rules will still apply. Only those taxis that are part of the approved organization may wait at the airport for on-demand fares. The agreement does not prevent airport customers from making pre-arranged reservations with any cab driver or company they chose.

“The RFP and the new agreement



September 2005 - Taxis wait for passengers outside Terminal A at SMF. Photo by Paul Bennett.

will help us plan for and provide high-quality customer service to all airport customers who prefer to use a taxicab,” said Eric Podnieks, Properties Manager for Sacramento County Airport System.

Organizations and companies interested in submitting a proposal are required to attend a mandatory pre-proposal meeting scheduled on September 21, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Terminal A Media Room at Sacramento International Airport. Proposals from organizations that do not attend the meeting will not be accepted.

For complete details on the RFP, please visit the SCAS Web site at www.sacairports.org and click on Business & Leasing Opportunities.

**Business Opportunities
at Sacramento County
Airport System
facilities are posted on the
internet at
www.sacairports.org**

Flight Numbers		July 2005	July 2004	Last 12 Months 2005	Last 12 Months 2004
Passenger traffic at Sacramento International Airport was up 7.4% year-to-date in July 2005. Air freight was up 2.7% for the whole Sacramento County Airport System in July 2005.	International Airport				
	Passengers	947,996	919,688	9,988,718	9,183,494
	Air Freight (Tons)	5,785	5,435	66,075	65,012
	Aircraft Operations	15,579	15,226	162,750	163,104
	Executive Airport				
	Aircraft Operations	12,179	10,229	111,693	137,963
	Mather Airport				
	Air Freight (Tons)	4,967	5,034	62,587	63,763
	Aircraft Operations	9,365	8,282	89,897	83,389