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**DFW AIRPORT'S ALL-AMERICAN FOURTH OF JULY  
BASH OPENS WITH PATRIOTIC TUNES, TIGHT  
SECURITY**

"HOLIDAY HELPERS" HEAPING FLAGS, FOOD AND FUN ON SUMMER TRAVELERS TODAY, UNCLE SAM GREETES ARRIVING FLIGHT

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (July 3, 2002) — A country band kicked off the Fourth of July celebration at DFW Airport with a medley of patriotic songs early this morning and "Holiday Helpers" passed out American flags and travel tips as the Fourth of July travel period kicked into high gear.

DFW also reiterated that its security has been on high alert since September 11 and continues at that level during the holiday period. "We've never stood down and that's a good thing," says Jeff Fegan, CEO of DFW. "This first Fourth of July since September 11 is indeed a real reminder of what our freedom is all about, and President Bush has made it clear that freedom of travel is essential for our country and economy."

The Airport continues to monitor possible threats with the FBI and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and will be in contact with the agencies during the holiday period.

DFW is estimating more than 1.6 million passengers will travel through its four terminals this busy holiday week, just a four percent decline from the same time last year. DFW recently retained its ranking as the third busiest airport in the world for take-offs and landings. "We are encouraged and cautiously optimistic by the travel we're seeing during this busy holiday travel week," says Fegan.

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Meanwhile more than 400 "Holiday Helpers" and Airport Ambassadors are assisting passengers at security checkpoints and providing patriotic hospitality today.

Uncle Sam himself is expected to greet an arriving flight early this morning. Passengers arriving and departing from DFW will be entertained throughout the day by a variety of local bands, volunteers will pass out American flags at toll plazas and ticket counter areas, and younger patriots will receive special giveaways including light sticks and red, white and blue paper glasses. Adults will receive complimentary newspapers and mints, and everyone will be treated to free popcorn and cotton candy.

The Airport is making a special effort to ease travel for families during the festive holiday period by distributing thousands of "travel tip" brochures to help speed families through security checkpoints and posting the information online at:

[http://www.dfwairport.com/flyer/02/07/summer\\_travel.htm](http://www.dfwairport.com/flyer/02/07/summer_travel.htm)

DFW's employee volunteer program was born on September 11 and evolved into the "Holiday Helper" program last Thanksgiving and Christmas to assist passengers and ease their anxieties following the terrorist attacks. The overwhelming passenger appreciation encouraged the Airport to expand the program to all holidays and busy travel periods.

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, serving 55 million passengers a year. Offering nearly 2,000 flights daily, DFW International Airport provides non-stop service to 130 domestic and 30 international destinations worldwide. For the latest news, real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at DFW International Airport, log on to [www.dfwairport.com](http://www.dfwairport.com).

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