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Good morning, I'm Jim Crites, executive vice president of operations and security at DFW Airport.

A quick update for you on our operations and further details on the *anticipated* new security procedures here at the airport.

Last night, DFW maintained a heightened security presence throughout the airport and the perimeter, and no incidents or threats were reported. Our DFW DPS officers and airline security forces performed security sweeps throughout the night, leading up to this morning's ongoing sweeps throughout the terminals.

Passengers at DFW will notice heightened security at every turn when they return to the airport today, with uniformed security and K-9 units patrolling the terminals. No garbage can, no ashtray, will go unmonitored.

We are working closely with the FAA and the airlines now to implement all the new FAA mandates done in the name of increased safety and in the wake of yesterday's tragedies.

In order to make your travel easier, we ask that you follow a few steps and be prepared for longer processing times.

Please, reduce carry-on items. Doing so will facilitate both and your fellow passengers in the boarding process.

Do not carry sharp items, such as knives, razors, or any type of cutting instruments. Do not have these items on your person or in your carry-on luggage. A knife this small – (showed picture of Swiss knife) – will not be allowed past the security checkpoint or on an airplane.

Be prepared for extensive questioning.

Have photo identification ready.

Be prepared for possible multiple, longer screenings.

And finally, we anticipate non-ticketed visitors will *not be allowed* past the security points.

This is a sizeable task for everybody involved. The bottom line—anybody or anything that gets on any airline from today forward should be prepared to experience new safety measures – all done on behalf of the traveling public.

I won't get into specific security matters or issues, for obvious reasons. However, we think it is valuable for all our guests to know what to expect, what's ahead, when they begin flying again.

I'm happy to take your questions.