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**DFW AIRPORT LAUDS TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY
NORMAN MINETA FOR CHOICE OF FEDERAL
SECURITY DIRECTOR**

Airport's industry leading security and customer service initiatives also recognized at press conference

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (April 14, 2002) - U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta chose DFW Airport as the location for announcing new Federal Security Directors for DFW and Love Field today, acknowledging the Airport's importance in the national aviation system and teamwork in security and customer service initiatives.

Mineta announced that Jimmy Wooten, a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Department of Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) will become the Federal Security Director (FSD) for DFW. Michael J. Restovich was announced as the new FSD for Dallas Love Field. The position of Federal Security Director was created by the Aviation and Transportation Security Act, and is a critical element of the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) strategy to bolster security at the nation's airports.

"Airport security is a team effort. The federal government, the airports and the airlines are all working together to make air travel a secure and convenient, even enjoyable, experience, and we're sure that Mr. Wooten and Mr. Restovich share that vision as well," says Jeff Fegan, CEO of DFW. "At DFW, we have implemented more security measures above and beyond FAA and TSA mandates than any other airport in the country. And we're proud to work with the TSA on key issues of security and customer convenience that will have an impact on every airport in America."

Fegan adds, "Certainly much has changed in the days after September 11, but we have confidence that the steps being taken by Secretary Mineta's team, the FAA and the TSA are steps in the right direction, and working with airports and airlines, our team will achieve all of its objectives."

After the 9/11 attacks, DFW worked quickly to become one of the first airports in the country deemed "secure" by the federal government and was one of the first airports to be opened by the FAA after the national aviation shutdown. Since then, DFW Airport has led the nation's airports in implementing security measures above and beyond federal mandates, while its security checkpoint lines remain some of the fastest in the country.

Security measures in effect at DFW Airport above and beyond federal mandates include:

- Closing more than 150 security doors available to terminal and airline employees. Several of those doors have since re-opened, but employees encounter armed officers and must pass security screening before entering secure areas.
- Closing the terminal/airline employee-only train.
- Moving electronic badge-scanning equipment to the 20 security checkpoints in all four terminals to assure all badged employees have valid credentials.
- Stationing law enforcement officers at all roadway entrances to aircraft parking and service areas.
- Patrolling all terminal parking areas and inspecting parked vehicles.
- Enhanced fencing covering 35 square miles of the airfield perimeter.
- DFW Airport is currently conducting an evaluation of a biometric facial recognition system, which is integrated with an existing CCTV surveillance system.

DFW is also planning a follow-up security checkpoint survey to study passenger flows and possibly implement more measures to speed checkpoint lines. Currently, the average wait time at DFW is 10 minutes or less. DFW attributes its quick lines to its 20 security checkpoints spread across four terminals and its aggressive communications campaign to educate travelers on new security rules and travel tips. Secretary Mineta and his team experienced the swift checkpoint lines at DFW firsthand, waiting with other passengers for less than a minute to go through security for the return flight to Washington, D.C.

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, serving 60 million passengers a year. Offering nearly 2,000 flights daily, DFW Airport provides nonstop service to 129 domestic and 26 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.

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