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Salt Lake City Department of Airports

SLC International Airport *Recognized* as StormReady

National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office Salt Lake City, Utah officials have recognized Salt Lake City International Airport as a StormReady® site. The StormReady program helps community leaders and residents better prepare for hazardous weather and flooding. StormReady sites have made a strong commitment to implement the infrastructure and systems needed to save lives and protect property when severe weather strikes.

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organizations are "better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through advanced planning, education, and awareness."

The nationwide community preparedness program, founded in 1999, is a grassroots approach to preparing for natural hazards. Today, more than 2,100 U.S. communities have achieved StormReady recognition.

To be recognized as StormReady, a site must maintain a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center; have more than one way to receive National Weather Service warnings and to alert the public; be able to monitor local weather and flood conditions; conduct community preparedness programs; and ensure hazardous weather and flooding are addressed in formal emergency management plans, which include training SKYWARN® weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

The StormReady program is part of the National Weather Service's working partnership with the International Association of Emergency Managers and the National Emergency Management Association.

Salt Lake City International Airport is one of 67 commercial sites, and the tenth airport to receive the StormReady designation. The StormReady recognition is valid for three years and can be renewed.

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PASSENGERS INCREASE

A busy summer has resulted in a positive trend for passengers at Salt Lake City International Airport. Passengers have increased over the last two months compared to the same months in 2012.

May 2012

May 2013

During May 2013, the Airport handled **42,354** passengers which is a **2.57%** increase over May 2012.

June 2012

June 2013

In June 2013, **40,263** passengers used the Airport which translates into a **2.24%** increase over June 2012.

J.T. Martin *joins* Airport Board

WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS ARE POPULAR

Since the Salt Lake City Department of Airports installed 15 water bottle filling stations in November of 2012, they have been very popular with passengers and Airport employees.

In the first six months, counters on the stations indicate that they have been used 462,000 times. This means that about that many sixteen-ounce plastic water bottles have been diverted from the waste stream.

Other benefits include saving 3,416,114 cubic yards of landfill space, 155,102,871 BTU's in heat energy and 458 barrels of oil.

AIRPORT'S ECONOMIC IMPACT

By the nature of their business, airports are strong economic impact catalysts. As part of the planning process for the Terminal Redevelopment Program, the Salt Lake City Department of Airports commissioned a study conducted by GSBS Richman Consulting. Some of the findings include:



There are over 35,290 full-time jobs on the Airport campus.



\$1.1 billion in wage/income comes from Airport jobs



Airport contributes \$1.8 billion to the GDP



\$3.4 billion is the Airport's total economic output



COURTESY BUSATH PHOTOGRAPHY

Former Salt Lake City Councilman, J.T. Martin, was recently appointed to the Salt Lake City Airport Advisory Board by Mayor Ralph Becker.

Mr. Martin is the Managing Director of Integrated Water Management (IWM), a company that offers a variety of services to the oil and energy industries.

He has also owned and operated a precious metals manufacturing business, been the National Director of Marketing for two animal protein companies and worked in Central Europe as Deputy Marketing Director for an airline serving Central and Eastern Europe. In addition, he is the former owner of a boutique grocery store, "Emigration Market", in Salt Lake City.

During his tenure on the City Council, he championed riparian habitat restoration, environmental stewardship, energy sustainability, and urban farming legislation and advancement. He was also deeply involved in the aftermath and mitigation of a major oil spill that occurred in the district he served. He worked with the involved company, city, State, federal, environmental groups, and citizens to find solutions to the catastrophic environmental incident and the associated public relations challenges it created.

He has also served on several boards and legislative subcommittees for the State of Utah including the Quality Growth Commission and the Agricultural Sustainability Task Force.

SLC in the Top Ten Fastest Airports in the Country

USA Today named Salt Lake City International Airport as one of ten United States airports that you are "likely to breeze through" in a recent article.

To determine the ten "speediest" airports in the country, the newspaper analyzed data from Bureau of Transportation Statistics, averaged real-time crowd sourced security wait time, and compared expedited-screening options, and airport layouts.

Salt Lake City continues to consistently rank first in on-time performance. The Airport was also cited for excellence with snow and ice removal and the fact that the terminals and concourses are connected beyond security screening so passengers do not have to exit and re-enter the process to make connections.

The other nine airports named are: Charlotte Douglas International Airport, San Diego International Airport, Tampa International Airport, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Portland International Airport, Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, Boston Logan International Airport, and Washington Reagan National Airport.