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Airport takes delivery of new ERS Vehicle

October 30, 2009 Deer Lake, NL A new aircraft rescue and firefighting vehicle arrived at Deer Lake Regional Airport this week from Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The specialized model STRIKER STA-1500 was manufactured by Oshkosh Corp. specifically for the airport following a tender call earlier this year.

Jamie Schwartz, Airport Manager, indicated that airport firefighting personnel were excited to take delivery of the new vehicle. "Our team of certified firefighters recognizes the value of this equipment to our operation," said Schwartz. "This state-of-the-art vehicle will enhance the airport's ability to respond to emergencies and enable the airport to provide a Category 7 Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) capability."

"Safety continues to be our number one priority for airport operations," said Lindell Smith, Director of Operations. "This new vehicle will complement and expand our existing services to meet and exceed our operational requirements well into the future."

Funding for the new vehicle comes from the 2009-2010 Airports Capital Assistance Program. The Transport Canada program funds capital projects related to safety, asset protection and operating cost reduction for eligible airports.

The airport provides regular or seasonal domestic passenger service with several different airlines including Air Canada, Provincial Airlines, Sunwing and WestJet. The airport has grown to become the 4th busiest airport in Atlantic Canada.

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