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### APPLETON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BREAKS GROUND FOR AIRPORT RESCUE FIREFIGHTING TRAINING CENTER

APPLETON, Wis., Oct. 12, 2018 - Appleton International Airport broke ground for an airport rescue firefighting training center (ARFF) at Fox Valley Technical College's Public Safety Training Center today.

This \$14 million regional ARFF training center is funded with a \$12 million Federal Aviation Administration grant, and nearly \$2 million from the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics.

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin was instrumental in obtaining funding, along with U.S. Congressman Mike Gallagher, and State Senator Roger Roth.

"This new facility will attract airport firefighters from across the country, and our partnership with FVTC provides best-in-class training," said Abe Weber, Airport Director. "We're excited to see the impact on our local community, visitors spending money in our hotel rooms and restaurants, and stimulating the Fox Valley."

"I worked to ensure that our Appleton International Airport has the funding it needs to make a significant investment to support training for emergency responders and expand career opportunities in the Fox Valley," said Sen. Baldwin. "This partnership with Fox Valley Technical College is going to strengthen workforce readiness and help boost our economy."

The training facility is expected to be complete November 2019.

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### **Appleton International Airport**

Appleton International Airport serves Northeast Wisconsin with flights to destinations around the world. Appleton was named the fourth fastest growing airport in the United States by Bloomberg in May 2018. The airport has flights to major hubs around the U.S. on American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines. Allegiant Air has nonstop flights from Appleton to four warm weather destinations; a fifth destination, Fort Myers/Punta Gorda, begins service in November 2018.