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The Gary / Chicago International Airport Debuts New Airport Rescue and Firefighting Truck

Bought with \$2 Million in Fiscal Year 2022 Community Project Funding Secured by Congressman Frank Mrvan

(Gary, IN) – The Gary / Chicago International Airport (GCI A) is eager to debut a new Airport Rescue and Firefighting truck, afforded to the airport as a part of the \$2 million in Fiscal Year 2022 Community Project Funding, secured by Congressman Frank J. Mrvan (D-1st). The acquisition of a 3,000 gallon Airport Rescue and Firefighting truck and two high-speed runway brooms for snow removal was approved in August of 2022, as the majority of the airport’s existing fleet consists of equipment 20 years or older. The new Airport Rescue and Firefighting truck will result in added safety benefits and reduce the airport’s annual maintenance expenses.

“We are grateful to Congressman Mrvan for being such a strong advocate on behalf of the airport,” **said GCI A Executive Director Dan Vicari**. “It’s exciting to see the Airport Rescue and Firefighting truck physically here at GCI A and ready to be used – once in operation the fire truck will expand the type of airplanes that can land at the airport. We are ready to see the growth this investment will provide.”

The new fire truck and equipment will also provide a more reliable and efficient response to snow removal and crash/fire/rescue response – ensuring aviation users and airport visitors can safely enjoy the state-of-the-art services offered at GCI A.

“The Gary / Chicago International Airport is an economic engine for the Northwest Indiana region – and Congressman Mrvan surely recognizes this,” **said GCI A Authority Chairman Pete Visclosky**. “His continued support does not go unnoticed. While the fire truck was secured with \$2 million from FY 2022’s Community Project Funding, Congressman Mrvan also recently secured \$6 million in FY 2023 Community Project Funding for further investments in airport infrastructure.”

The 3,000 gallon Airport Rescue and Firefighting truck, along with two high-speed runway brooms for snow removal totaled \$932,000 and \$1.3 million, respectively. The \$2 million in federal funding was used towards these equipment upgrades, along with 5% in contributions from the Indiana Department of Transportation and the airport itself.

“I am proud to work in partnership with the GCI A to identify and to secure federal resources to improve public safety,” **said Congressman Frank J. Mrvan**. “This acquisition of a state-of-the-art fire engine will protect firefighters and demonstrate to airport tenants, current and future, that the Gary airport is poised for growth. Public safety and a growing economy go hand in hand, and I will continue to work with all local stakeholders to support first responders.”

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About Gary / Chicago International Airport

Located minutes from the shores of Lake Michigan and just 25 miles from downtown Chicago, Gary / Chicago International Airport (GCIAG) is a full-service airport and a premiere destination for corporate and weekend flyers in the Chicago metropolitan region and Northwest Indiana. To learn more, visit the airport's website at FlyGYY.com.