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CDA Participates in IDGA Aviation Security Summit

Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) Managing Deputy Commissioner of Safety and Security Joseph O'Connor was a guest speaker today at the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement (IDGA) Aviation Security Summit in Rosemont, IL.

The two-day security summit was organized by IDGA to address the complexities of securing airports and homeland security, while ensuring that air travel and commerce continue uninterrupted.

The CDA was invited to discuss the department's innovative measures to ensure safe and secure operations at O'Hare and Midway International Airports, which together comprise one of the largest and busiest airport systems in the world. During his presentation, O'Connor provided an overview of the CDA's Safety and Security Division, including its critical role in maintaining the integrity of the airports' access control system. He also explained the CDA's multi-layered approach to security, which involves close coordination with several federal, state and local agencies.

Chicago Police Department Commander at O'Hare and Midway Thomas Argenbright was also a guest speaker at the conference to discuss airport security from a law enforcement perspective.

The IDGA conference featured speakers from the White House National Security Staff, Transportation Security Administration, National Air Transportation Association and security officials from several airports.

The IDGA is a non-partisan information-based organization dedicated to the promotion of innovative ideas in public service and defense through live conferences and events.

For more information about the IDGA visit <http://www.idga.org/>.

For more information about the IDGA Aviation Security Summit visit

<http://www.aviationsecurityevent.com>

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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