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DINOLFO: ROC AIRPORT TO RECEIVE FEDERAL GRANT FOR REGIONAL TRAINING FACILITY THAT SERVES AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIREFIGHTERS & FIRST RESPONDERS

Funding will support Public Training Safety Facility on Scottsville Road

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** today announced the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) has been selected to receive a federal grant totaling \$2.7 million to fund Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) vehicles and equipment at the regional training facility that serves firefighters and first responders at the Public Safety Training Facility (PSTF) on Scottsville Road.

“This 2.7 million dollar grant will help Monroe County’s unique Public Safety Training Facility stay on the cutting edge of training for our Airport Firefighters and first responders, which is critical to protecting travelers and the public,” said **Dinolfo**. *“We will use this funding to purchase specialized aircraft rescue and firefighting vehicles, as well as new training equipment for airport first-responders. I thank the federal government for investing these dollars in Monroe County and I recognize and appreciate the first responders who work so hard to keep our airport safe, particularly our Airport Firefighters.”*

The PSTF is a mutually shared training location for public safety and first responders training in Monroe County and includes a regional ARFF facility.

The PSTF has trained not only the ROC Airport Firefighters, but also has served as the training grounds for local fire departments and Airport Firefighting Rescue units across New York State, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Washington, Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and California. In 2018, eight Canadian Airport’s Aircraft Firefighting rescue units also trained at the PSTF.

The original equipment at the PSTF was funded with federal grants in 1998, constructed in 1999 and is becoming outdated. This new federal grant will be allocated to operate the facility for the next twenty years and provide the best aircraft rescue firefighting training, as the existing ARFF trucks need to be replaced with trucks that meet current FAA standards and the existing infrastructure controls need to be upgraded.

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