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## **Louisville International Receives FAA Safety Award**

**Louisville, KY (November 7, 2006)** Louisville International Airport (SDF) recently received the Airport Safety Mark of Distinction Award from the Southern Region of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The FAA commented overall, "Through professional action and fervent effort, the staff and management of Louisville International Airport have improved safety for the traveling public. Their dedicated efforts are deserving of praise and are indicative of their professionalism and commitment to safety."

Specifically, the FAA noted, "The airside maintenance crew has a formidable task in keeping the safety areas in good condition, while working at one of the busiest cargo airports in the nation. ...As an example of the great safety areas at SDF, on July 27, 2006, a B-727 cargo aircraft experienced a rejected takeoff and departed the runway surface, coming to rest in the runway safety area. As a result of the extensive efforts of the maintenance department to maintain a better-than-required safety area, there was no damage to the aircraft, and the safety areas were repaired and the runway reopened in a very short time."

The FAA concluded, "Louisville International maintains its facilities to high standards and is constantly working to improve existing procedures and develop innovations to be a leader in airport maintenance."



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