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MEDIA ADVISORY

Rochester International Airport is relieved by the outcome of Sunday's crash. Safety is of the utmost importance at Rochester International Airport. Our emergency response procedures are constructed with all airport users in mind and in accordance with regulations which account for general aviation and commercial aircraft.

On the evening of the crash, Rochester International Airport was appropriately staffed to provide airport rescue and firefighting (ARFF) support. Due to the timing and presence of commercial flights, our ARFF team member followed protocol and was appropriately ready to assist responding agencies. We appreciate the swift response from Stewartville Fire, Rochester Fire, Olmsted County Sheriff, and Mayo Clinic Ambulance.

As a result of Sunday's events, we have reviewed our procedures and are removing the need for ARFF staff to gain administrative approval to respond to a crash off airport property.

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