



YEAGER AIRPORT

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YEAGER AIRPORT TO ADD GUNSHOT DETECTION SYSTEM AND ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE

Yeager Airport (CRW) has received \$195,000 from the West Virginia Emergency Management Division Homeland Security Grant, which will allow CRW to increase the security and safety of passengers and visitors at Yeager Airport.

There are three components to the award. The first component is a gunshot detection system in the main terminal building and the General Aviation terminal. The second component will add more security cameras throughout the airport complex. Lastly, the third component will install a mindshare console which will enhance the radio and communication capabilities of the Airport Response Coordination Center.

CRW will be the first airport in West Virginia to have a gunshot detection system.

“The safety and security of our passengers and tenants is a top priority. With the assistance provided by this grant, integrated with systems already in place, the level of safety at Yeager Airport will move to a whole new level,” said Yeager Airport Chief of Police, Eric Johnson.

The Gunshot Detection System will provide a more rapid response to an active shooter incident. In addition, security cameras will be added and upgraded around the airport perimeter, terminal ticket lobby, passenger screening checkpoint, and the S & S building.

Yeager Airport would like to thank Governor Jim Justice for his assistance.

The estimated cost of the project is \$245,000.

About Yeager Airport (CRW): A study done by the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission says Yeager Airport is responsible for nearly 3,000 jobs and has a \$225-million economic impact in the state. Yeager Airport is the largest commercial Airport in West Virginia, with service provided by American, Delta, Spirit, and United Airlines. The Airport's Organizational Vision is: "To become the most important economic engine for the state through advances in aviation and education." Yeager Airport, in conjunction with the West Virginia National Guard, hosts the Home Base Program. The program works to facilitate military ground, tactical, and air training in West Virginia.

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