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Airports Rank Near Top in State & FAA Inspections

The **Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport** Annual FAA Airport Certification and Safety Inspection resulted in no discrepancy and the response to the UH-60 crash was in accordance with Airport Emergency Procedures (AEP). This annual inspection occurs with or without a triggering event under Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 139. **Destin Executive and Bob Sikes Airports** also passed the annual state inspections with no discrepancy. The State's Aviation inspector said he inspects 106 general aviation airports throughout Florida every year and our two County general aviation airports rank near the top as best maintained.

"We aced the test. Our airports are a huge asset for Okaloosa County generating an economic impact of \$850 million and 8,900 jobs," said Okaloosa Commission Chairman Nathan Boyles. "This reflects the hard work and dedication of our team in running an efficient, first-class system of airports."

The Passenger growth in January and February for the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport is up over six percent from 2014 numbers. For more information, visit www.flydts.com, flycew.com or flyvps.com.