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**TSA Pre✓® and Temporary Enrollment Center to Open at
The Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS)**

Beginning Wednesday, March 8, 2017, the TSA will offer a dedicated Pre✓ lane at the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport. The lane will be operated by TSA during peak periods throughout the day when the traffic count is the highest. This is in response to the 20% increase in passengers in 2017 and this upward trend in passengers will continue into 2017 due to Allegiant Air's recent announcement of 11 new non-stop cities to VPS. In addition, the airport will host a temporary application center for travelers who are interested in enrolling in the TSA Pre✓® program. The temporary application center will be located before security in the public baggage claim area from March 20 to March 24, 2017. The times will be Monday to Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM and Thursday and Friday: 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM and 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Travelers who are enrolled in TSA Pre✓® are permitted to keep on their shoes, belts and light outerwear jacket, and can leave their laptops and liquid 3-1-1 bags inside their carry-on bags when they go through a checkpoint with the program. Wait times are typically 5 minutes or less.

"We are happy to provide this convenient enrollment process for our area's travelers," said Tracy Stage, Okaloosa County Airports Director.

"TSA Pre✓™ is one of TSA's initiatives to provide the most effective security in the most efficient way," said Patricia Chasse, TSA's Federal Security Director for Northern Florida. "We are happy to see thousands of people across the state signing up for the program."

How to enroll:

Travelers can make an appointment for TSA Pre✓® enrollment online at <https://www.tsa.gov/precheck> and then complete their enrollment in-person at the TSA Pre✓® application center of their choice. The application fee is \$85 and is good for five years. It can be paid at the time of your appointment by credit card, money order, company check, or certified/cashier's check. Cash and personal checks are not accepted. Enrollees will need to bring documentation proving identity and citizenship status and fingerprints are collected during the in-person enrollment session.

After completing enrollment, successful applicants will receive a Known Traveler Number (KTN) via U.S. mail within a few days that is valid for five years. The enrollee should enter the provided KTN in the "Known Traveler Number" field when booking airline reservations. Similarly, travelers enrolled in one of the other "trusted traveler" programs such as Global Entry, SENTRI or NEXUS can enter their KTN to receive TSA Precheck benefits.

The KTN also can be added when booking reservations online via a participating airline website, via phone call to the airline reservation center, or with the travel management company making

reservations. Additionally, the KTN can be entered in participating airline frequent flyer profiles, where it will be stored for future reservations.

About the Destin – Fort Walton Beach Airport:

Destin - Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS) is the preferred aviation gateway to Florida's Gulf Coast and is an excellent option when making travel plans to Northwest Florida. Convenient and centrally located within the top ten places to live and do business throughout the United States, Destin - Fort Walton Beach Airport (FlyVPS) is an exceptional resource for travelers who favor distinct modern amenities without congestion. Our award-winning airport terminal accommodates passengers from around the world with over 50 non-stop flights daily to primary hub cities across the nation, making domestic and international connections easy. Offering low fares and great values, VPS is the smart choice, and our central location makes flying a breeze for over 2 million residents.

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