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## Airport Announces Three Promotions

(Anchorage, February 3, 2005) The Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport recently named John Parrott to the position of Deputy Director. Parrott has been in the position of Acting Deputy Director since May of 2004. In addition, David Tullis was promoted to Captain from Airport Police and Fire Lieutenant and Eric Saffell was promoted to Sergeant.

John Parrott has worked for the airport for five years as the Airport's Security Manager and, most recently, as Airport Operations Manager. In both positions, Parrott's overall responsibility was for overseeing the safe and secure operations of the airport. His numerous responsibilities included interfacing and coordinating with the Federal Aviation Administration, the Department of Homeland Security and many others. In addition, Parrot implemented, and ensured compliance with, security regulations, and oversaw the work of up to 300 airport employees.

Parrott brings substantial management and aviation experience from his 20-year career with the United States Air Force where he served in various capacities including Commander of the first B1 Squadron in the Air National Guard. Parrott holds a Bachelor of Sciences Degree in Chemistry from the United States Air Force Academy and a Master of Aeronautical Science Degree in Education and Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Airport Director Morton V. Plumb Jr. says that the State is well served with Parrott in his new position. "John is a critical thinker who sees problems and their solutions long before many others had even given it a thought," said Plumb. "As a former professional pilot, who still flies for recreation today, he knows what it takes to maintain a safe, secure airport for all types of aircraft and the traveling public."

David Tullis was promoted to Captain from Airport Police and Fire Lieutenant. Captain Tullis has been with the Department for eight years. Previous to working at the Airport, Captain Tullis was a pilot for 20 years and an Alaska State Trooper for six years. Tullis replaces Lauri Burkmire as Captain who was hired as Airport Police and Fire Chief on December 9, 2004.

Eric Saffell was promoted to Sergeant for Airport Police and Fire. Saffell has served as an Airport Police and Fire Officer for 13 years and as an airport police dispatcher for one year.

Airport Police and Fire Chief, Lauri Burkmire says these two promotions are well deserved and will serve the public well. “Tullis brings a calm, authoritative voice to the position of Captain,” said Burkmire. “Time after time he has proven himself as an effective leader.”

Chief Burkmire sees Eric Saffell’s promotion as a win for the safety and security. “Saffell is approachable by the public and is an excellent ambassador for the airport,” said Burkmire. “As important, is his keen understanding of airport operations.”

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