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Delta Ramp Agent Greg Baskerville Named Detroit Metro Airport's 2010 "Safest Employee"

--Recognition part of Airport's second-annual Health & Safety Expo

DETROIT (Oct. 20, 2010)—Delta Airport Customer Service Ramp Agent Greg Baskerville was named Detroit Metropolitan Airport's (DTW) "Safest Employee" during a special ceremony this week as part of the airport's second-annual DTW Health & Safety Expo. Baskerville was selected among 25 nominees from across the airport community—representing employees of the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA), airlines, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and other airport business partners—who were also recognized for their outstanding commitment to workplace health and safety.

"Safety is at the very top of the Airport Authority's mission statement. Maintaining a safe, healthy environment for all airport users is vital for keeping one of the world's busiest airports moving," said WCAA Interim CEO Genelle Allen. "This week's Expo provided us with opportunities both to learn and share strategies for maintaining a healthy and safe airport environment and to recognize individuals whose commitment to a healthy and safe workplace has been truly exemplary."

Nominees for this award were identified by their supervisors for having demonstrated an outstanding commitment to promoting a safe and healthy airport workplace--and by extension--a safe, healthy and efficient environment for airport customers. Each nominee was recognized during the Expo award ceremony with a certificate presented by Allen, WCAA Director of Airfield Operations Dianne Walker, and representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Michigan Occupational Health and Safety Administration (MIOSHA). Among the nominations received by a selection committee of managers from across the airport community, Baskerville was selected to receive the airport's first "Safest Employee" award.

Baskerville, a 17-year veteran of the Delta/Northwest team at DTW, is widely recognized by both peers and colleagues for his steadfast promotion of workplace safety.

In addition to the recognition ceremony, nearly 700 airport workers participated in various events conducted throughout the day-long Expo, including seminars on relevant health and safety topics such as airfield and ramp safety, ergonomics, electrical safety, hearing conservation and appropriate work gear. The Expo also featured displays from 42 local vendors and agencies with resources to share regarding a safe, healthy workplace. A "tug/cart rodeo" challenged employees' safe maneuvering of ground service equipment, and representatives from Delta set-up shop with the airline's signature "Pink Boutique" selling pink food and novelty items to benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

The Expo was conceived, planned and hosted by a collaborative effort among the airport's Airline Management Council and WCAA, with assistance from the Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport, MIOSHA, and the airport's federal agency partners.

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2010 DTW SAFETY AWARD NOMINEES ALSO RECOGNIZED (By Company)

William Hardin	Aircraft Service International Group (ASIG)
Scott Gyulveszi	American Airlines
Charles Jordan	DANTEC
Leonard Schoenborn	Delta Air Lines
Fred Wagner	Delta Air Lines
Joseph Lickorai	DTE Energy Services
Russ Hasselbach	Federal Aviation Administration
Rich Rodriguez	Federal Aviation Administration
Kristopher King	Frontier Airlines
Cara Clifford	ISS
Bruce Rubin	Motor City Central Parking
Rondey Young	Prospect Airport Services
Kim Davis	Servisair
William Lawson	Transportation Security Administration
Jannetta Sewell	Transportation Security Administration
Mark Smith	Transportation Security Administration
William Trump	Transportation Security Administration
Christine Acker	Wayne County Airport Authority
Gary Dust	Wayne County Airport Authority
Tommie Lewis	Wayne County Airport Authority
A.J. (Jalil) Missaou	Wayne County Airport Authority
Jeffery Tylutki	Wayne County Airport Authority
Joseph Weber	Wayne County Airport Authority
Ken Nance	Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport

About Detroit Metropolitan Airport

Having welcomed more than 31 million passengers in 2009, Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) is Michigan's busiest airport and one of the world's largest air transportation hubs with more than 1,200 flights per day to and from more than 160 destinations worldwide. DTW is home to the world's sixth-busiest airline hub--and the second-busiest for Delta--where the airline operates its primary U.S. transpacific gateway. With two new passenger terminals and six jet runways, DTW is among the most efficient and operationally-capable airports in North America. DTW is operated by Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA).

About Delta Air Lines

Delta Air Lines (NYSE: DAL) serves more than 160 million customers each year. With an industry-leading global network, Delta and the Delta Connection carriers offer service to 351 destinations in 64 countries on six continents. Headquartered in Atlanta, Delta employs more than 75,000 employees worldwide and operates a mainline fleet of more than 700 aircraft. A founding member of the SkyTeam global alliance, Delta participates in the industry's leading trans-Atlantic joint venture with Air France-KLM and Alitalia. Including its worldwide alliance partners, Delta offers customers more than 13,000 daily flights, with hubs in Amsterdam, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Detroit, Memphis, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York-JFK, Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Salt Lake City and Tokyo-Narita. The airline's service includes the SkyMiles frequent flier program, the world's largest airline loyalty program; the award-winning BusinessElite service; and 50 Delta Sky Clubs in airports worldwide. Customers can check in for flights, print boarding passes, check bags and review flight status at delta.com.

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