

firefighter services have been required at the Kalaupapa airport. Most recently, on May 14 an airplane with a flat tire made a hard landing. He said the firefighter assessed the situation, evaluated the passengers, and coordinated the removal of the passengers.

Fortunately no one was injured, but Prokop said it is this sort of situation where trained personnel are required. "It's been an extremely positive experience at the airport (having firefighters)," he said. "The primary benefit is the health and safety of the traveling public."

While he feels it is the responsibility of the state, Prokop said, "the NPS looks forward to working with the state airport division in finding a way to reinstate the firefighter position in Kalaupapa."

NEW AIRPORT FIRE STATION FOR HEATHROW AIRPORT

LONDON, England — Heathrow Airport, one of the world's busiest international airports, has opened a new state of the art fire station.

The new fire station replaces the existing 30 year old fire station which is set to be demolished as part of airport operator BAA's plans to transform Heathrow with the construction of a new terminal called Heathrow East.

The new £4 million fire station is located close to the 27R runway and will work in tandem with Heathrow's second fire station, which is close to Terminal 5.

As well as better training facilities for Heathrow's 108 dedicated fire officers, the new fire station has a lecture room and study areas plus five bays for the airport's fire appliances.

"I am delighted to see this new 21st century fire station fully operational. Our team of dedicated firefighters have an excellent and well deserved reputation for their efforts in keeping Heathrow safe and this new facility will provide the airport with a state of the art station for decades to come," comments BAA chief executive, Colin Matthews.

Heathrow airport fire manager, Nathan Deverell, adds: "The new fire station has been designed to meet our current and future needs as Heathrow continues its transformation. We are proud of the service we have provided Heathrow over the past 60 years and look forward to serving the airport from our new home."

The location of the new fire station has been carefully chosen to ensure it provides the fire service at Heathrow with the best possible response times to

incidents at the airport.

OXFORD AIRPORT UPGRADES AIRPORT FIRE SAFETY

OXFORD, England — In a significant move, Oxford Airport has decided to upgrade to Cat 4 RFFS fire and rescue service that shall operate all day. Notably, once it is launched, the service shall function on all days between 06:30 - 22:30 on all weekdays commencing from 21st July. This move follows the doubling of the fire crew team of the airport from 11 to 22 full-time personnel kept in readiness for the occasion of the opening of the airport's new business aviation terminal, Oxfordjet.

The most important dimension of Cat 4 RFFS is that for the first time at Oxford, a much wider range of aircraft types like the Citation Sovereign, the new Hawker 4000, the entire Dassault Falcon family, up to the 50-seat ATR42 or de Havilland Dash-8-100/200 turboprop series can be easily accommodated.

Interestingly, this shall be followed by further enhancements to capability with the introduction of the provision of Cat 5 or 6 RFFS on request during later part of this year. This shall notably cover all types that could enjoy access to Oxford on a charter / public transport basis. The list also includes the Gulfstream and Global families, in addition to Embraer Legacy and regional turboprops such as the Bombardier Q400 besides regional jets like the BAE 146 / Avro Series. Over and above, this move shall also coincide with the weekend opening hours that shall be extended to weekday hours of 06:30 - 22:30. The present move is expected to further the profile of the airport to a great extent.

STATE OF THE ART AIRPORT FIRE STATION

BARBADOS—Construction has already begun on a new state-of-the-art airport fire station, which was designed by architect Jennifer King, to meet the standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), while accommodating the needs of the firemen stationed there.

Chairman of the Grantley Adams International Airport (GAIA), Rawle Brancker, expressed his delight in seeing the start of the new station as he said that time had taken its toll on the building and that it was becoming increasingly difficult to maintain. "With international restrictions becoming more stringent, the old fire station building has been listed as an airport deficiency by the ICAO due to its proximity to the runway and its height exceeding obstruction limits," said Brancker. He continued to say that given the impor-