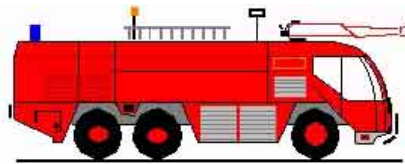


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KINGMAN AIRPORT & INDUSTRIAL PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT (Kingman, Arizona – USA)

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(ARFF Station & Ansul Vehicle Photo by the Editor)

Just east of Las Vegas and about an hour from Hoover Dam is the City of Kingman. My stop there on the way driving to Phoenix was predicated on my spotting an In-N-Out burger restaurant (my favorite), but unfortunately I discovered was only under construction. Kingman Airport (IGM) is a public airport located 8 miles (13 km) northeast of the city of Kingman in Mohave County, Arizona. Kingman lies in high-desert country at an elevation of 3,345 feet surrounded by the Cerbat, Hualapai, and Black mountain ranges.



With the onset of WW II, Kingman Army Air Field Gunnery School (KAAF GS) was established at the site of today's 4000 acre airport and industrial park. During the darkest hours of World War II, the army constructed a vast training camp northeast of Kingman to prepare gunners, pilots, and copilots for battles in the air. Peacetime saw more than 7,000 bombers—mostly B-17s—make their final flight and land at this airfield to be broken up and melted into aluminum ingots. After the war it was turned over to the county and became Mojave County Airport, then the City of Kingman took over the facility in 1954 and operated by the Kingman Airport Authority. Kingman Airport Authority, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation that leases the airport and industrial park from the City of

Kingman for management purposes.

Today the airport is mostly used for general aviation but is also served by one commercial airline, Great Lakes Aviation, which operates 3 flights a day to Prescott and Phoenix using Metroliner aircraft. Kingman Airport is also the location of an airliner storage and scrapping facility, with dozens of airplanes stored on the ramps awaiting a return to service or disassembly for parts. They range from a wide body tri-jet to Beechcraft and Brasilia turboprops. The airport also houses the Kingman Aviation Museum that is housed in an original wooden hanger from the Army airfield.

The airport has two runways: Runway 03/21 is 6,827 feet long and 150 feet wide (2081 x 46 m) and Runway 17/35 is 6725 feet long and x 75 feet wide (2050 x 23 m). The airport averages about 165 aircraft movements per day. There is no control tower on the airport, and the airport operates from 0500 to 2000 hrs seven days a week. The airport is rated for DC-9 and 737 type aircraft.

The airport operations office also houses the garage for the airport crash truck. Until recently the ARFF protection was provided by the Hualapai Valley Fire District, a career department. On April 17th these duties were assumed by the new Airport Fire Chief,

