



WILL ROGERS WORLD AIRPORT

2006: Record Year for Airport, Director

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Kranenburg named Airport Director of the Year; Will Rogers named Airport of the Year

WILL ROGERS WORLD AIRPORT (**April 13, 2007**) – Will Rogers World Airport walked away with the top two awards from the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association’s (OAOA) annual conference last week. Mark Kranenburg, Director, Oklahoma City Department of Airports, received the association’s 2006 Airport Director of the Year award, and Will Rogers World Airport received the 2006 Airport of the Year award. The awards come after a record year of air travel out of Will Rogers.



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OAOA, which was founded in 1984, is comprised of airport management professionals who work together to enhance and improve the nearly 150 airports across the state.

Kranenburg has served as Director of the Department of Airports, which includes Will Rogers as well as two general aviation airports, Wiley Post and C.E. Page Airports, since 2005. He previously had nine years with the Oklahoma City Department of Airports, and is a past president and legislative chair of the OAOA. He oversaw the last year and a half of the \$110 million terminal expansion project at Will Rogers, and since joining the airport has succeeded in growing the number of nonstop, roundtrip daily flights the commercial airport offers from 17 to 25.

According to members of the OAOA, Kranenburg was selected based on his leadership, innovation, community relations, marketing and customer service.

Kranenburg, a Native Oklahoman, has worked in the aviation industry for more than 15 years. He is a former air traffic controller with the United States Air Force and Federal Aviation Administration, and previously served as Airport Director for the City of Riverside, California. He recently earned the distinction of Accredited Airport Executive from the Association of Accredited Airport Executives.

According to officials with OAOA, Will Rogers was selected as Airport of the Year based on completion of the \$110 million renovation project. “We are extremely flattered to be named Airport of the Year” Kranenburg said. “We are fortunate to have

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