

MEDIA ALERT
Tampa International Airport "Changing of the Guard"

Tampa, Fla. (April 29, 2002) - -

Who: The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority invites the media to Tampa International Airport for a photo opportunity.

What: Members of Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and Tampa Police Department (TPD) assume posts at the Airside Screening Checkpoints

When: Tuesday, April 30, 2002, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Meet on Level 3 of the Landside Terminal, in front of the Armstrong Elevators for escort to Airside F

Available for interview:

- Louis E. Miller - Executive Director, HCAA
- Katie Hughes - Public Information Officer, TPD
- Lt. Rod Reder - Public Information Officer, HCSO
- 1st Lt. Kurtis Marsh, A Battery 1st of the 265th Air Defense Artillery Battalion, Florida National Guard

On Monday, April 28, 2002, members of the Tampa Police Department and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office received eight hours of classroom training to prepare them for their new assignments at Tampa International Airport.

On Tuesday at 10:15 a.m., the Deputies and Officers will assume posts at the Airside screening checkpoints to receive on the job training and work along side the Florida National Guard. The National Guard will officially stand down from their assigned posts at the completion of their shifts on Friday, May 3, 2002.

Following the transition, the HCSO will staff the security checkpoints from 4:00 a.m. through 2:30 p.m.; TPD will provide service from 2:30 p.m. through 1:00 a.m. Members of the Tampa Airport Police Department will relieve both agencies throughout their shifts for scheduled breaks.

The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority entered into agreements with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to provide the necessary Law Enforcement during the period May 1, 2002 through December 1, 2003 for an estimated cost of \$1.9 million.

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