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**Airport Fire Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**  
MVAC Opens New Building

**Martha's Vineyard, MA:** Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission (MVAC) held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially open their new Airport Fire Station on Thursday.

Construction on the new building began October 14, 2016. The new Aircraft Rescue Firefighting/Snow Removal Equipment (ARFF/SRE) building was built to replace an outdated building originally built in 1942 by the Navy. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) awarded the Martha's Vineyard Airport an \$8.3 million grant to replace the building. MassDOT Aeronautics awarded the Airport an additional \$461,683 grant toward the total \$10,470,000 project cost.

Airport Manager Ann Richart described the project as a successful partnership between the regulatory and funding agencies, the contractor and design team, and the airport staff and users. MVAC Chair, Myron Garfinkle, noted that the project was completed on time and within budget. "The FAA showed a lot of faith in the ability of the MVAC to complete this project with Federal funding," Garfinkle said. "It was important to the entire Commission that we demonstrate to the FAA, through this project, our ongoing commitment to the future of our Airport."

Details of the project include:

- 23,000 sq. ft. building designed to house ARFF trucks and snow removal equipment
- Project was designed by Jacobs, Inc and Keenan+Kenny Architects, LTD
- Building contractor is Dellbrook/JK Scanlan
- Owner's Project Manager is Daedalus Projects, Inc.

The Airport will host an Open House and open the new building to the public later in the year.

Martha's Vineyard Airport is managed by the Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission. It offers seasonal airline service by American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and JetBlue and year 'round service by Cape Air in addition to robust general aviation facilities.

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