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Rep. Slaughter Visits Niagara Falls Air Force Base for Ground Breaking Ceremony

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Chairwoman of the House Rules Committee, attended a ground breaking ceremony held at the Niagara Falls Air Force Base this Friday for a new firehouse. The ceremony celebrated the \$8 million in federal funds secured by Slaughter for construction of a new Crash, Fire, and Rescue Station which will house military and Department of Defense civilian emergency response personnel and equipment.

"This is a forward thinking development project that will have a far reaching beneficial impact on our Base, airport, and our region," said Congresswoman Slaughter. **"I will continue to do all that I can at the federal level to promote and assist our unique reserve station and to help maintain it as an asset to the community."**

Congresswoman Slaughter secured \$8 million for a new Crash, Fire, and Rescue Station in the FY2005 Defense Appropriations. Due to the 914th Air Reserve and 107th Air National Guard Unit taking on additional responsibilities, they have outgrown their current facilities and required a new firehouse.

The firehouse will also provide crash, fire, and rescue service to the Niagara Falls International Airport free-of-charge in a Joint Use Agreement, and will keep the service men and women safe as they perform their duties to protect the United States and its citizens. This \$8 million is the first phase of the \$50 million secured in federal funding for the Niagara Falls Air Force Base.

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