



The Northwestern Regional Airport Commission opened the newest addition to the Cherry Capital Airport campus – the **Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Building**.

The 12,451 square foot, state-of-the-art facility will be home to fire fighters provided by the City of Traverse. Cherry Capital Airport has contracted with the City of Traverse City to provide aircraft rescue and fire fighting services to the airport since November 2003.

The \$2,438,005.00 building was built as a part of the airport improvement program funded in part by federal grant dollars. The facility will house a new 2006 Oshkosh Striker 3,000 gallon fire engine which was delivered in late February, in addition to two additional 1,500-gallon quick response vehicles. A Mass casualty Incident (MCI) equipment trailer owned by Grand Traverse County will also be housed and maintained in the new facility.



The new fire fighting building is an integral part of the debt free Cherry Capital Airport campus. The \$54 million campus style project began some eleven years ago with the research and design phases. Actual construction began in November of 2001. The Cherry Capital Airline

Terminal Complex is the largest government based project in the Grand Traverse region without bonds or a millage attached to its construction. The economic impact of Cherry Capital Airport relative to the region is said to be approximately \$200 million annually, as noted by the State of Michigan Department of Transportation.

