



## Cherry Capital Airport Media Advisory

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### Former Red Sox Catcher Doug Mirabelli Speaks to Airport Personnel During Annual 'Airport Maintainers and Operations' Seminar & Luncheon Hosted by Cherry Capital Airport

*(Traverse City, MI) August 13, 2009* – Cherry Capital Airport officials will host airport personnel from across the Midwest during its annual 'Airport Maintainers and Operations' Seminar today, **Thursday, August 13**.

Airport officials will learn the 'ins and outs' of using state-of-the-art equipment and strategies from industry leaders. Seminar demonstrations include use of high speed brooms, blowers, and runway deicers. Additionally at 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., there will be an Equipment Rodeo Course showcasing various pieces of Airport equipment and the 'on-course' agility of each driver.

Highlighting the day for visiting airport officials is a luncheon keynote visit with **former Red Sox Catcher Doug Mirabelli**. Doug will share some of his life stories (and passion for helping young people) at **12:45 in the CCA Maintenance Facility**. Doug and his wife Kristin have recently founded a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children all over the Grand Traverse area. The **Catch 'Em All Foundation** believes that children are the region's most precious asset. Doug, a former Major League Baseball catcher played for the San Francisco Giants, Texas Rangers, Boston Red Sox, and San Diego Padres. He and his family now reside in Traverse City and are dedicated to raising funds and teaching crucial life skills such as determination, sportsmanship, respect and responsibility – all taught by participating in school and sports.

The annual luncheon and guest speaker is sponsored by **OshKosh Truck** in cooperation with **Cherry Capital Airport**.