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CDA Web Alert

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Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks Arrive at O'Hare International Airport



Just hours after their thrilling overtime victory over the Philadelphia Flyers to win the Stanley Cup Finals, the Chicago Blackhawks arrived at O'Hare International Airport this morning.

The Blackhawks' plane was greeted with a water cannon salute provided by the Chicago Fire Department (CFD) Airport Operations as it taxied to Signature Flight Support around 4:15 a.m.

Media were invited and staged at O'Hare to get the first glimpse of the team and the Stanley Cup arriving in Chicago. CFD District Chief John McNicholas, became the first person in Chicago to kiss and hold the Stanley Cup after it was presented to him by Blackhawks Captain and Playoff MVP Jonathan Toews, just moments after Toews stepped off the plane.

The City of Chicago will host a celebratory parade and rally honoring the Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in downtown Chicago.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportsgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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