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Skydive Suffolk Expands at Suffolk Executive Airport

SUFFOLK, VA, May 13, 2011 – Skydive Suffolk, Inc. will officially open its expanded location on Saturday, May 14, following a 10:30 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by Vice-Mayor Charles Brown at the Suffolk Executive Airport, Hanger #7, 1200 Gene Bolton Drive, Suffolk, VA 23434. The business has expanded and relocated at the Suffolk Executive Airport into a 10,000 square-foot hangar.

“This expansion represents the increased popularity of this unique sport and will encourage many first-time visitors,” said Suffolk Mayor Linda T. Johnson. “Skydive enthusiasts jump with Skydive Suffolk due to its established reputation for fun and safety.”

Skydive Suffolk was established in 1960. Larry Pennington took ownership of the company in 1983 and today it is identified as Hampton Roads’ premier skydiving center for both Tandem and Accelerated Freefall programs. Former United States President George H. W. Bush used Skydive Suffolk for the Tandem jumps he made on his 80th and 85th birthdays. Tandem jumps involve dropping from heights ranging from 11,000 to 14,000 feet with the novice skydiver connected via harness to the tandem instructor, a 30-minute pre-jump training, and all needed equipment.

“These are exciting times for Skydive Suffolk as we expand into our new location and provide new business opportunities at the Suffolk Executive Airport,” said Larry Pennington, owner and operator of Skydive Suffolk. “We have worked hard to create a good first impression to our new and existing customers. Currently, we have over 14,000 jumpers per year and with our new facility and staff, we anticipate that number to grow significantly.”

Following the ribbon-cutting, a special rate reduction on Tandem jumping will be offered during their normal operating hours on Saturday. Skydive Suffolk operates Pratt & Whitney 750 HP Turbo Prop Engine aircraft and has been used for all jumps since June 2005. Each plane has been specifically designed for skydiving and can carry up to 17 passengers.

Hours of operation now until late October are Fridays 3 p.m. until dark and Saturday and Sundays 8 a.m. until dark. Weekday jumps are by appointment only. For additional information, contact Skydive Suffolk at either 757-539-3531 or www.skydiveSuffolk.com.



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