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Decker Aviation, LLC Lands at Suffolk Executive Airport

The Suffolk Executive Airport welcomes a new tenant to support general aviation. Decker Aviation, LLC, owned and managed by Steve Decker, is a full service maintenance center for both helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft with either piston or turbine power. The company is an authorized Robinson Helicopter Service Center and supports all major aircraft manufacturers including Bell helicopters. Decker Aviation, LLC has partnered with Longhill Enterprises, Inc. to provide limited heavy aircraft maintenance, service and support to the area.

Decker Aviation, LLC brings more than thirty-five years of military and civilian aircraft maintenance and piloting experience to the airport's general aviation community. In addition to aircraft maintenance, they provide FAA approved flight services. These include, but are not limited to: aerial photography, surveillance, search and locate, emergency response, utility infrastructure patrol, agricultural support, real estate development planning, sight seeing, and much more. All flights are flown by a FAA certified commercial pilot.

Suffolk's Mayor Linda T. Johnson credits recent enhancements at the Suffolk Executive Airport to the relocation of Decker Aviation, LLC to Suffolk. "The services that Decker supplies will be a great addition to aviation enthusiasts' in the area and will give local businesses a number of exciting new possibilities for aerial support. We are proud of the exceptional things going on at Suffolk Executive Airport and our goal remains to develop the facility into one of the best General Aviation Airports on the East Coast".

Many area residents who attended the Virginia Aviation Council sponsored Festival of Flight recently held at the Suffolk Executive Airport experienced their first helicopter flight with Decker Aviation, LLC. “The helicopter rides were a big hit at the Festival. Helicopters are very versatile but tend to be under utilized in the Hampton Roads area. One of our goals is to see that changed,” said owner, Steve Decker.

Decker Aviation, LLC also provided technical support to the aviation personnel and their equipment based at the airport during the recent Great Dismal Swamp fires. As a result of their assistance the company received a letter of commendation from the Florida Division of Forestry Gold Team and the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

Future plans for the business include opening a helicopter flight school and providing unscheduled helicopter passenger service throughout the region.

About Suffolk Executive Airport:

Located 3.5 miles south of downtown Suffolk on Route 13, Suffolk Executive Airport (SFQ) has two runways. Its main runway is 5,000 feet, and its secondary runway is 4,500 feet. The airport features self-service fuel 24 hours a day and a restaurant in the terminal. The Airport currently has 89 based aircraft. There are 58 T-Hangars and three large box hangars that are owned by the City. A 200x450 foot ramp area has been constructed along with supporting entrance roads and taxiways to provide ramp space to support the construction of additional large hangars both by the City and private contractors.

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