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**Augusta Regional Airport Marshal's Deputy Honored By
The Exchange Club of South Augusta**

Augusta, Georgia, October 25, 2011 — Augusta Regional Airport is pleased to announce Deputy Porter Freeman, Marshal's Department, Airport Division was selected to receive the Exchange Club of South Augusta's annual Public Safety Awareness Award.

On Tuesday October 25, 2011 at their weekly luncheon meeting at T's Seafood Restaurant in South Augusta, the members of the club honored several public safety employees including one Marshal, one Sheriff and several fire fighters. The club has been honoring members of local public safety departments for 10 years in recognition of their service to the community. The annual awards were presented after the luncheon at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Deputy Freeman was selected for his commitment to serving the community. Deputy Freeman felt so strongly about serving the community that after retiring from a lifetime of work he put himself through the law enforcement academy in order to gain employment as a deputy with the airport. Prior to receiving his certificate he volunteered at the airport to provide assistance and information to airport patrons. In addition, he regularly conducts women's self defense classes free of charge at different facilities around the county.

"We are very pleased to have Deputy Freeman working at the airport," said Gary LeTellier, Executive Director of the Augusta Regional Airport. "His number one priority is helping people. He provides excellent customer service to passengers and employees and is a real asset to our airport and this community."

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