



MID YEAR TOTALS UP AT AIRPORT

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Des Moines International Airport (DSM) officials have released the statistics for the first six months of 2007. Enplanements and cargo handling are both up versus last year's totals to this point.

“The Airlines Reporting Corporation (ARC) says domestic ticket sales are down nationally by 4.6 % from this point last year,” explains Airport Spokesperson Roy Criss. “But, we are up 1.5 %. That’s 7,000 more enplanements than last year. Actually, that is 12,000 more, at this point, than our banner year in 2004. Again, we are bucking the trend. May was the best May in the history of the airport for enplanements and June was the 4th best month overall.”

Cargo handling is up 5% over 2006 values at mid year. Says Aviation Director Craig Smith, “All in all, we are doing about as well as any small commercial airport in the nation. The commercial air industry is so volatile right now. We don’t know what tomorrow may bring, but so far our community is doing well.”