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## ***McCarran Takes a First Strike for Aircraft Safety*** **Airport Introduces the Latest in Firefighting Technology**

The next generation in firefighting technology makes its debut at McCarran International Airport with the addition of Red Dog 43 - the "Striker" - to the airport's emergency fleet. McCarran's Striker is the first vehicle of its kind to be deployed at any airport.

Equipped with a sophisticated delivery system for three different firefighting agents – water, foam and dry chemicals - the Striker is designed to address the unique technical needs of an aircraft rescue.

"During an aircraft emergency, our crews may face electrical or other challenges requiring a specific response," said Clark County Fire Department Chief Earl Greene. "Having the most effective tools at our disposal can save lives."

The Striker also sets the industry standard for performance, and ease of operation by even a limited crew. This unique vehicle is manufactured by Oshkosh Truck Corporation of Wisconsin.

"We are always pleased to lead the way with new technology, but particularly where safety is concerned," said Department of Aviation Deputy Director Rosemary Vassiliadis. "Other airports are very interested in this vehicle."

