

Statement to KSTP-TV
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As one of the leading security firms in the country, we take great pride in our employees and in the services we provide our corporate, government and institutional clients. Among those clients, we very much value our seven-year relationship with the Metropolitan Airports Commission and believe we have discharged our responsibilities to our client and to the traveling public with the highest standards of professionalism and care.

Vehicular access to MSP is governed by a set of protocols – determined by the Airport Police Department, the Metropolitan Airports Commission and the Transportation Security Administration – that require different inspection procedures for different classes of vehicles and operators. While we cannot describe in any detail those protocols for obvious security reasons, it is possible that vehicles which appear similar from a distance will be subject to different inspection procedures. With this caveat in mind, we have reviewed the concerns you raised regarding the performance of our staff at Gate 222 and appreciate you bringing them to our attention. Despite our best efforts, however, we were unable to determine from that review if the vehicles in question were in fact inspected as required. Absent any conclusive evidence to the contrary, we remain confident that our employees performed their duties in compliance with the policies set forth by the APD, the MAC and the TSA.

Nonetheless, we take seriously any such concerns and have used your interest in this subject as an opportunity to reiterate with our employees the importance of full and consistent compliance with all procedures and protocols. Should additional information come to light to indicate any lapse in that standard, we will immediately take whatever corrective actions are necessary.

Regarding the staffing of Gate 222, we would again refer you to MAC and APD for any discussion of the reasoning behind their decision to reduce the number of guard hours at that post during the latter half of March, but we can confirm that – prior to its implementation – we did raise concerns about this decision to the appropriate APD personnel. We feel this was appropriate given our long-term relationship with the MAC and our intimate knowledge of the operations of this checkpoint.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with this information.