



ST. JOHN'S
International Airport Authority

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St. John's International Airport Reopens for Operations Following Bomb Threat

ST. JOHN'S, NL, June 26, 2015 – St. John's International Airport Terminal Building reopened for operations at approximately 11:20 p.m. following a bomb threat on an aircraft located at Gate 3 of the Terminal Building. Air Canada flight 143 was departing from St. John's (YYT) to Ottawa (YOW) at 6:50 p.m. when it was notified of a possible bomb threat on board the aircraft. The flight was subsequently suspended and all passengers and crew departed the aircraft safely. The second floor of the Terminal Building (Departures Lounge) was also evacuated.

During the closure of the Departures Lounge, arriving flights were unable to be processed at the Terminal Building. This impacted a total of 13 arriving flights, including three aircraft that arrived and were held at a secure area of the airfield separate from the Terminal Building.

The Airport Authority would like to express its thanks to the RNC and RCMP for their prompt and professional response in assessing the situation, as well as to St. John's Regional Fire Department and Eastern Health. These groups worked closely with the Airport Authority's emergency response team in managing the incident.

Passengers are advised to check their flight status with their airline as arrival and departure times may have been adjusted.

St. John's International Airport Authority is a private, not-for-profit organization with the mandate to provide the region with a safe, cost-efficient transportation facility that is a catalyst for economic growth. Under the provisions of a long-term Ground Lease with the Federal Government of Canada, the Airport Authority is responsible for the airport's operations on behalf of the community it serves.

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