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**Norfolk International Airport reports on December 2017 activity**

**NORFOLK, Va. – (January 18, 2018)** – Norfolk International Airport (ORF) reported an 11.40 percent increase in passenger activity for the month of December 2017 with 290,753 passengers. This figure compares to a December 2016 passenger count of 260,997. January to December passenger traffic has increased 5.35 percent. December marks the 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive month of year-over-year passenger growth at ORF.

In other activity, 5,929,252 pounds of cargo were shipped in and out of the airport during December 2017. This represents a 0.81 percent decrease versus December 2016, which saw 5,977,637 pounds of cargo shipped. January to December cargo pounds shipped has increased 2.62 percent.

The above-mentioned figures are a reflection of the service by the following airlines: Allegiant, American, Delta, Southwest, United and their regional airline partners. Cargo carriers include Federal Express, Mountain Air Cargo and UPS.

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*Norfolk International Airport (ORF) is the major airport serving Coastal Virginia and Northeast North Carolina with air service provided by Allegiant, American, Delta, Southwest, United and their regional airline partners. Together they provide nonstop access to 22 major airports (includes year-round and seasonal service), most of which are international gateways, allowing convenient access to global destinations. According to the FAA, Norfolk International Airport's passenger activity is ranked in the top 15% of commercial service airports in the United States with over 3.2 million scheduled passengers served in 2016.*