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**New screening procedures for carry-on items in effect at
Hector International Airport**
Passenger advised to arrive at airport two hours prior to flight departure

FARGO, North Dakota - The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has fully implemented new and stronger carry-on baggage security screening procedures at Hector International (FAR) in Fargo.

The new procedures require travelers to place all electronics larger than a cell phone in bins for x-ray screening when going through the security checkpoint. The electronics should be placed in a bin with nothing on top or below, similar to how laptops have been screened for several years.

Today is the first day that travelers can expect to see these procedures fully in place at FAR. Training of TSA officers at FAR began in late November.

TSA officers will be available in front of the checkpoint X-ray machines to guide passengers through the changes in the screening procedures and give direction on what items will need to be removed from carry-ons and placed in a bin for X-ray screening. Travelers should listen to the specific directions given to ensure the proper procedures are followed.

Passengers should continue to remove their one-quart bag containing liquids, gels and aerosols in quantities of less than 100 ml (3.4 ounces). The new procedures now require the bag to be placed in a bin *by itself* for x-ray screening. By simply removing these specific items from the carry-on, TSA officers are able to obtain a clearer view of them on the x-ray screen.

Because passengers may experience more bag checks, it is strongly advised that they arrive at FAR two hours prior to their flight's departure.

Travelers can prepare for these new procedures by following a few simple steps:

- Organize the carry-on bag so electronics larger than a cell phone can be quickly and easily accessed when at the security checkpoint.
- Ensure the quart-size bag of liquids, gels and aerosols can also be accessed quickly and easily.
- Don't overstuff the carry-on bag. An uncluttered bag makes the screening process easier and quicker for passengers and TSA officers. Consider checking bags when feasible.
- Once screening is complete, be sure to put all electronics back in the carry-on bag. Double-check the bins to make sure nothing is left behind.

There are no changes to what travelers can bring through the checkpoint. Liquids in quantities of less than 100 ml (3.4 ounces), food, electronics, and books continue to be allowed in carry-on bags. The new security measures do not apply to passengers who are being screened in a dedicated TSA Pre✓[®] lane.