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NEW GGA ANALYSIS: O'HARE, DFW, DENVER SUFFERED MOST FLIGHT DISRUPTIONS OVER NEW YEAR TRAVEL PERIOD

NY-AREA AIRPORTS IMPROVE FROM LAST YEAR'S DEEP FREEZE

(New York-New Jersey) – Chicago O'Hare suffered the most flight disruptions in the week after New Year's, the nation's busiest air travel period, closely followed by Dallas-Fort Worth and Denver, according to new analysis of the top 20 busiest US airports released today by the Global Gateway Alliance [table below]. Las Vegas McCarran had the least disruptions, followed by Orlando and Miami.

The period following Christmas and the New Year (January 1-6) is the busiest in the nation for air traffic, according to Orbitz, often causing chaos for millions of travelers at airports across the country.

Newark Liberty ranked fifth, LaGuardia 7th, and JFK 11th – a dramatic improvement from last year when New York area airports came in first for total delays and cancellations in the wake of a deep freeze across the country. However, LaGuardia and Newark did have some of the highest percentages of flights disrupted, rounding out at 39 percent.

Chicago O'Hare led the way for most flights disrupted, with disruptions totaling over 6,000 and accounting for approximately 42 percent of all flights, and increasing in recent days from bad weather. The second most disrupted airport was Dallas-Fort Worth, with over 3,776 flights affected and representing 34 percent of flights.

Conversely, Las Vegas McCarran experienced a mere 334 disruptions, affecting just under 4 percent of all flights.

GGA Chairman and Founder Joe Sitt said, "This year we saw a number of airports around the country where travelers were subject to delays and cancellations that made flying home an unhappy part of the New Year. The bottom line is we need to bring our national air traffic control system into the 21st Century to avoid these problems in the future. This year's FAA reauthorization provides a chance to push forward with a full rollout of NextGen – easing these kinds of delays and disruptions – so all planes and all airports finally have better GPS technology than passengers have in their pockets."

The analysis compared the delays and cancellations for arriving and departing flights at the top 20 busiest US airports for passenger traffic from January 1-6, 2015, using data from FlightStats.com. Aircraft operation data was sourced from the Airports Council International's (ACI) year to date statistics.

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Table: Top 20 Busiest U.S. Airports for Passenger Traffic Ranked in order of Flight Disruptions over New Year Period

Ranking	Airport	Disruptions	Aircraft Operations in 2013	Avg No of Flights over 4 Day Period	% Disrupted
1	(ORD) O'Hare International Airport	6105	883,287	14,520	42.05%
2	(DFW) Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport	3776	678,059	11,146	33.88%
3	(DEN) Denver International Airport	3331	582,653	9,578	34.78%
4	(ATL) Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport	2807	911,074	14,977	18.74%
5	(EWR) Newark Liberty International Airport	2681	413,581	6,799	39.43%
6	(PHL) Philadelphia International Airport	2605	432,884	7,116	36.61%
7	(LGA) LaGuardia Airport	2377	374,658	6,159	38.60%
8	(LAX) Los Angeles International Airport	2320	614,917	10,108	22.95%
9	(IAH) George Bush Intercontinental Airport	2232	496,908	8,168	27.32%
10	(CLT) Charlotte Douglas International Airport	2091	557,948	9,172	22.80%
11	(JFK) John F. Kennedy International Airport	2090	406,419	6,681	31.28%
12	(DTW) Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport	1566	425,732	6,998	22.38%
13	(SFO) San Francisco International Airport	1465	421,400	6,927	21.15%
14	(BOS) Logan International Airport	1379	361,339	5,940	23.22%
15	(MSP) Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport	1336	431,328	7,090	18.84%
16	(SEA) Seattle-Tacoma International Airport	816	317,186	5,214	15.65%
17	(PHX) Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport	753	459,434	7,552	9.97%
18	(MIA) Miami International Airport	693	399,140	6,561	10.56%
19	(MCO) Orlando International Airport	339	291,662	4,794	7.07%
20	(LAS) McCarran International Airport	334	520,992	8,564	3.90%