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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - As they gear up for holiday travel, airports in four North Carolina cities are participating in a Department of Homeland Security program designed to move frequent, low-risk travelers through security checks at a faster pace.

The TSA Pre-Check program is operating at participating airlines at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, Piedmont Triad International Airport, Raleigh-Durham International Airport, and Wilmington International Airport.

TSA allows travelers to leave on their shoes, light outerwear and belt, keep their laptop in its case and keep 3-1-1 compliant liquids/gels in a carry-on bag.

An applicant for pre-check must be a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) and cannot have been convicted of certain crimes. If an applicant has a record of any of the crimes identified in the eligibility requirements, they may choose not to apply, as the application fee is nonrefundable.

Interested applicants must visit an application center to provide biographic information that includes name, date of birth and address. An applicant will be fingerprinted and will be required to provide valid required identity and citizenship/immigration documentation. An applicant also has the option to pre-enroll online to provide basic information and make an appointment before visiting an application center. There is a nonrefundable application processing fee of \$85.

After completing enrollment, successful applicants will receive a Known Traveler Number (KTN) via U.S. mail approximately 2-3 weeks following the visit to the application center. An applicant also may check status online by visiting https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/ and clicking on "Service Status." The Known Traveler Number is valid for five years.

Once approved as eligible for TSA Prelim, the enrollee must enter the provided KTN in the 'Known Traveler Number' field when booking travel reservations on any of the ten participating airlines. The KTN also can be added when booking reservations online via a participating airline website, via phone call to the airline reservation center, or with the travel management company making reservations. Additionally, the KTN can be entered in participating airline frequent flyer profiles, where it will be stored for future reservations.