

NEWS STORY

New Fire Station opens with SwitchplusIP ALARMON Communications and Dispatch System

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Exelis ([NYSE: XLS](#)) recently commissioned the communications and alarm monitoring system in the new [Airservices Australia](#) Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting station at Newman Airport, Western Australia. This site is just one of several new fire stations Airservices Australia is opening around the country, and one of the 27 Australian airports supported by Exelis.

As described by Airservice Australia in its recent [press release](#), the Newman Airport's "state-of-the-art Fire Control Centre is equipped with the latest communications and monitoring technology". With the system helping provide an added layer of safety to all users of the Newman Airport.



Photo courtesy of Airservices Australia

The Exelis system, called Switch**plusIP** [ALARMON](#), integrates all airport voice communications for the Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) services and alarm and telemetry monitoring. The system also automates processes and procedures for responding to critical events faced by the ARFF at the airport. Providing this integrated emergency

response coordination system reflects the Exelis commitment to extending its leadership in the strategic growth area of critical networks.

“The system, when connected to the Airservices national network, provides a system of systems solution,” said Peter Harrison, managing director for Exelis C4i. “The benefit of such application allows for resources at airports to enhance command and control capability which assists skilled personnel at the airports during an incident. As the Airservices continues to grow its nationally networked solution, these additional airport sites are incrementally added to the IP network with minimum impact on any other site.”