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Full-Scale Airport Emergency Plan Exercise

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March 12 – Beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, the Pensacola Gulf Coast Regional Airport will be conducting a full-scale emergency exercise on the west side of the airport. The Federal Aviation Regulation Part 139 requires that all air carrier airport operators hold a full-scale exercise at least once every 3 years in order to implement provisions of an emergency plan. The intent of this exercise will allow personnel from the airport, along with emergency medical services, fire, police and emergency preparedness officials to test their roles in response to a simulated aircraft emergency.

The exercise will not affect or delay air travel and will last approximately four hours. It will be officially terminated when all of the "simulated injured" have been transported to hospitals or have received treatment and the crime scene investigation is complete. Area residents will notice additional emergency responders on 12th Avenue and Summitt Ave. accessing Airfield Road.

As with any emergency, the media should report to the access control point to receive press identification. The access control point is designated as the Airport Maintenance Building which is located on Airfield Rd. off of Summitt Ave. From 12th Ave onto Summitt, take the second left to Airfield Rd. Please plan to be at the maintenance building by no later than 8:00 a.m. Thursday to receive credentials.