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**Airport to Perform Emergency Exercise**

***FAA Mandated Emergency Exercise Scheduled at Armstrong International***

**(NEW ORLEANS, LA)** – The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport will hold its tri-annual full-scale emergency exercise on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This emergency exercise tests the ability of the Airport, its stakeholders, and surrounding mutual-aid agencies to respond to an emergency incident at the Airport.

This critical training session allows the Airport and mutual-aid agencies to simulate an emergency scenario in a controlled environment. This mandatory Federal Aviation Administration exercise is done every three years and is designed to test the effectiveness of the response plans and procedures of the Airport and participating agencies. Local fire departments, police units, and emergency medical service units are among the participants in the exercise. During this event, the Airport's Emergency Operation Center will be activated.

The exercise will take place on the west side of the airfield and may include open fire and smoke. The public should not be concerned with the fire, smoke or number of emergency response vehicles that will be at the airport as it is part of the exercise.

The training exercise is not open to the public.

**Important information for media planning to cover the exercise:**

Media wishing to cover the exercise should RSVP with the name and date of birth of those attending to: Michelle Wilcut at [michelle@flymsy.com](mailto:michelle@flymsy.com) by Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. This information will strictly be used for security purposes.

Media attending the exercise are asked to report to the Red Roof Building (adjacent to Gate 110V) no later than 9:00 a.m. on October 19<sup>th</sup> for a briefing on the exercise.

Media will be escorted to the airfield site to film and photograph the exercise.

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