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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 Thursday, October 3, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This emergency exercise tests the response capabilities of the Airport, its stakeholders and surrounding mutual aid responders’ ability to respond to an emergency incident at the Airport.

This critical training session allows for the Airport and team of mutual-aid agencies who would respond to any emergency incident to simulate an emergency a scenario in a controlled environment. This Federal Aviation Administration required 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. The New Orleans Office of Emergency Management, local fire departments, police units and medical ambulances are among the participants in the exercise and 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. For more information, contact Michelle Wilcut.

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