



TUNICA AIRPORT MOCK DISASTER EXERCISE – JUNE 16, 2012

Tunica, MS. (May 31, 2012): The Tunica County Airport Commission (TCAC) will be holding a full scale mock disaster response exercise on Saturday, June 16, 2012 commencing at approximately 9:00 a.m. and continuing until approximately 12:00 p.m. The Tunica Airport is mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to conduct a full scale exercise every 3 years in order to meet its requirements under the FAA Regulations. A simulated airplane crash will assist to confirm and ensure that its Emergency Response Plan meets the overall requirements and remains current and effective.

Under the Airport Emergency Plan (AEP), The Tunica Airport works with the following mutual aid agencies:

- Tunica County Emergency Management Agency
- Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
- Tunica County Sheriff's Department
- Tunica and Tunica County Fire Services
- Pafford Ambulance Service

TCAC and these agencies provide the front line response to all emergencies at the Tunica Airport and as such are working in cooperation on this exercise. This exercise will provide an opportunity for TCAC Airport Fire Department and Tunica County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to coordinate and support airport operations and emergency response.

This is a full scale (field) exercise where TCAC is in cooperation with the airport community, community participants and the area emergency services respond to a simulated plane crash. The aim of the exercise is to produce, as realistically as possible, an emergency scene that will enable TCAC and emergency services agencies to practice their standard operating guidelines, emergency response plan, event coordination, incident command and communication.

The Mock Disaster Response Exercise will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, 2012. TCAC invites interested media personnel to meet outside the Tunica Airport administration office at 8:30 a.m. for a quick briefing on the exercise.

Volunteers and organizations wishing to participate as passengers aboard the mock disaster aircraft are encouraged to participate. Qualifications, sign up and general information can be found on our exercise website. <http://www.tunicaairport.com/exercise>

The exercise will proceed on June 16, 2012. In the event of adverse weather conditions, a "rain date" of June 23, 2012 has been established.

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