



TUNICA AIRPORT MOCK DISASTER EXERCISE – JUNE 21, 2018

Tunica, MS. (June 18, 2018): The Tunica County Airport Commission (TCAC) will be holding a full scale mock disaster response exercise on Thursday, June 21st, 2018. 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 Active Shooter exercise 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 Management Agency (TCEMA) to coordinate and support airport operations and emergency response.

This is a full scale exercise where TCAC is in cooperation with the airport community, community participants and the area emergency services respond to a simulated Active Shooter. 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 on June 21st with the time to be determined on the day of the exercise and will continue until all parties have exercised and volunteers have been recovered on Thursday, June 21st, 2018. TCAC invites interested media personnel to meet in the Tunica Airport administration conference room at 12:30 p.m. for a quick briefing on the exercise.

Volunteers and organizations wishing to participate as patrons of the mock active shooter exercise are encouraged to participate. Qualifications, signup and general information can be found on our exercise website. <http://www.tunicaairport.com/exercise>

The exercise will proceed on June 21st, 2018 and will continue rain or shine but may be postponed later that day in the event of adverse weather conditions.

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