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Full-Scale Emergency Disaster Drill Set for Wednesday at Shreveport Regional Airport

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Shreveport Regional Airport will conduct a full-scale emergency planning exercise at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 2, 2013, simulating an aircraft accident.

In order to conduct the exercise, the Shreveport Airport Authority and the Caddo-Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness will partner with emergency response providers from Shreveport, Bossier City, Caddo and Bossier parishes and Barksdale Air Force Base. The airport will remain open throughout the drill.

The drill will simulate a crash involving two aircraft at Shreveport Regional, and will include area students role playing as accident victims. In order for the exercise to be as realistic as possible, hospitals from throughout Shreveport-Bossier City will assist in caring for accident victims.

The exercise is required once every three years in order for commercial air service airports like Shreveport Regional to maintain Federal Aviation Administration certification. The exercise will be evaluated by FAA officials, as well as numerous emergency response providers for response times, coordination of the response, and other requirements.

"This exercise is a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirement for the airport and is an excellent opportunity to test our preparedness and put available life-saving technologies from the many agencies and City Departments involved into use. As First Responders, these partners will come together and work with the Airport in the event of a real time emergency, and we appreciate their readiness to serve and assist," said Bryant L. Francis, Director of Airports.

In order to make the drill as realistic as possible, media assistance is requested for simulated media interviews immediately after the crash. Media representatives may also view the entire exercise from bleachers located near the site. **To do this, please meet Mark Crawford in front of the entrance to TAC Air at 8:45 am, Wednesday morning.**