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### **Waco Regional Airport to Conduct Emergency Response Exercise This Morning at 10am – 12Non**

The Waco Regional Airport will conduct a full, live emergency response exercise on this morning at approximately 10:05am. The exercise is conducted to test the airport's emergency response systems and procedures.

Active parties will include Waco Fire and Police departments as well as ETMC. During this exercise due to COVID-19 restrictions, members of the media will be restricted from all areas of the airport. During this exercise, as in the event of a real crash incident, a Media Center will be set up at Texas Aero's main lobby where information about the event/incident will be given by agency officials. Any media interested in doing a story on the exercise should report to that location where Waco PIO will facilitate information.

Because this is an exercise that will be observed by NTSB, any media coming to the event will be required to fit into the role exactly as a real disaster would occur. Below are standard procedures that will be followed in the event of a real crash at the airport.

- **The Waco Regional Airport will be closed.**
- **ALL Media will be required to report to the Media Center which will be at the Texas Aero facility.**
- **Information about the incident will be relayed to the Media Center from the Emergency Command Post and Incident Command location.**
- **Because the Airport terminal and areas within the fenced perimeter will be closed and locked down by Federal officials, anyone breaching the secured areas will be arrested and face Federal charges.**
- **For the purpose of gathering images of the exercise by media, a limited number of photographers will be escorted on the tarmac. Any qualified journalist photographers MUST REQUEST PRIOR TO THE EVENT to be included in the special escorted group by emailing to: [Joelm@wacotx.gov](mailto:Joelm@wacotx.gov) .**

Waco Regional Airport does not expect this exercise to impact air travel during the event which should last approximately 3-4 hours. Any Police and Fire radio traffic will announce "This is an Exercise" prior to any transmissions.

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