



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **TIME TO TEST EMERGENCY RESPONSE AT CCIA**

Corpus Christi International Airport is ready to put emergency preparedness to the test with a Triennial exercise that brings together responders from all over the Coastal Bend. CCIA will host a drill on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, that will simulate a commercial plane crash landing on property near the airport. For coordination and practical reasons, the actual crash site will be staged on airport property. Visitors will be able to watch the response as it unfolds: Airport Police and Fire, CCPD, CCFD, Nueces County, DPS, local hospitals, etc.

The goal is to test the interoperability between all of the emergency responders who would be counted on in a time of crisis. This exercise is required by the FAA and is part of the airport's ongoing commitment to make readiness a top priority. Nearly two dozen agencies will participate in the drill.

### **CCIA TRIENNIAL EXERCISE**

**Friday, March 7, 2014**

**Media: Please arrive by 8:30am and report to CCIA Maintenance Bldg.**

**(take a left at International and Glasson)**

**8:50am - Group Interview**

**9:00am- Drill begins**

Members of the Media are asked to report to the maintenance building and check in with Airport Staff before proceeding on to the simulated crash site. You will be allowed to drive your vehicle to the scene. Airport Director Fred Segundo will be available for a group interview at the site at 8:50am right before the start of the exercise.

If you have questions, please contact Kim Bridger, Airport Marketing Manager.

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