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ANC to Conduct Full-Scale Disaster Exercise

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(ANCHORAGE, Alaska)—As part of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport's (ANC) continued focus on safety and emergency preparedness, ANC will conduct a full-scale exercise simulating an aircraft crash Saturday, June 6th, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The exercise will test airfield disaster preparedness and response as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) every three years.

The exercise will occur in the Point Woronzof area. The exercise will NOT affect or delay any air travel. A small amount of smoke may be visible in the area. Public use of the coastal trail will NOT be impacted. However, there may be a short delay during the initial stages of the simulated accident. Vehicular access onto Point Woronzof Drive will be restricted during the exercise.

More than 100 volunteers will participate as mass casualty exercise 'victims' next to a simulated aircraft fuselage. Volunteers will arrive early for exercise preparations and will represent a variety of injuries that will test medical care triage practitioners.

"Our emergency response crews at ANC continually train for the worst types of incidents, and they are fully prepared and equipped to handle any situation we may face," said Christine Klein, Deputy Commissioner of Aviation, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

Key exercise participants include airport and airline representatives, the FAA, the American Red Cross, Municipality of Anchorage fire and police departments and the Office of Emergency Management, Cook Inlet Tug and Barge and local hospitals.

Limited media access to the scenario will be provided. Media should be in place no later than 10:30 a.m. the morning of the exercise. For location details, assistance and additional information, please contact Linda Bustamante at 907-266-2107

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