



NORTHWEST FLORIDA BEACHES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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NORTHWEST FLORIDA BEACHES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO CONDUCT FAA REQUIRED LIVE EMERGENCY DRILL EXERCISE

*Regional emergency response agencies to join ECP in exercising procedures needed in
the event of a real emergency*

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (February 17, 2023) – Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) will conduct a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) required Live Emergency Drill Exercise on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Preparation for the drill will begin at 8:00 a.m., with the drill commencing at 10 a.m. Emergency response agencies from Bay County, Panama City, Panama City Beach, Springfield, Callaway, Red Cross, Salvation Army and other nearby emergency response agencies will join Airport personnel in exercising procedures needed in the event of an actual emergency. Live student actors from J. R. Arnold and North Bay Haven High Schools will participate by playing the role of passengers involved in an emergency. The student actors help to create a realistic environment during the training for first responders. Airport officials anticipate the drill to be completed by 1:00 p.m.

The increased level of activity by emergency vehicles and the use of a live fire burn prop at the Airport should not alarm air travelers, residents, employees, customers, or other members of the public around the Airport.

The Drill is designed to meet FAA requirements without delaying or disrupting normal operations at the Airport. Airline arrivals, departures, and other services offered at the Airport will continue as scheduled.

“This is an important drill to ensure the Airport and partnering agencies are trained and prepared to handle a large-scale emergency event,” said Parker W. McClellan Jr., A.A.E., ECP Executive Director. “A disaster can happen at any time, so our team and mutual aid agencies are constantly training and stand ready to respond.”

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About Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport

Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) offers some of the region's lowest average airfares and is located less than 30 minutes from Panama City Beach, Panama City, and the beaches of South Walton. Today, with service from American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines, ECP's airline partners provide daily flights to worldwide destinations, including year-round and seasonal nonstop flights between ECP and Atlanta (ATL), Austin (AUS) Baltimore (BWI), Charlotte (CLT), Chicago (MDW/ORD), Dallas (DAL/DFW), Denver (DEN), Houston (HOU/IAH), Indianapolis (IND), Kansas City (MCI), Nashville (BNA), St. Louis (STL), Washington DC (DCA), and more. ECP provides Northwest Florida with first-class facilities and was strategically developed for major economic development opportunities. ECP is the gateway to visitors seeking Northwest Florida's famous beaches. For more information, visit iflybeaches.com.