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***“This is just a Drill”: Flint Bishop Airport
Hosts Live Exercise to Train for Airport Emergency
May 10, 2022***

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Mandatory Preregistration: May 9, 2022

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(Flint, Michigan)— Flint Bishop Airport is hosting a full-scale DRILL alongside several community organizations next week. The triennial “Live Disaster Exercise” on May 10th at 9:00 a.m. is training conducted by FNT’s Public Safety Team to better prepare for a potential “real life” scenario. The community and nearby residents will see extra mutual aid emergency personal and vehicles around the airport during the exercise.

The drill lead by our Public Safety department includes the following agencies: the American Red Cross; local Fire Departments; area Police Departments; County Paramedics; area Ambulances and Hospitals; Emergency Response Organizations and Agencies; Genesee County Emergency Management; MTA; the Civil Air Patrol, FAA, airline and airport employees.

“Safety and security of our passengers and employees is our top priority. Our Public Safety Department is always training but this triennial exercise puts our training to the test,” said Nino Sapone, CEO, Flint Bishop Airport. “We can’t thank our community partners and mutual aid agencies enough for the way they support Bishop Airport. In the event of a full-scale disaster, we will need their help and we know we can rely on them.”

The full-scale exercise is the most comprehensive test and is intended to evaluate the operational capability of the emergency management system in a stress environment with actual mobilization and deployment to demonstrate coordination and response capability. It uses all resources and requires reaction from equipment and personnel that would normally be available if the exercise were an actual emergency. The FAA requires a full-scale airport emergency plan exercise at least every thirty-six calendar months.

All agencies will be pre-staged for this event. This exercise will include the transportation of volunteer “victims” to each of our area hospitals for “treatment”. We do invite the media to be a part of the drill.

Mandatory Press Preregistration/Attendance Information:

*****The press MUST PREREGISTER to attend the exercise this year. Reply with your representatives’ full legal name(s) to amacclaren@bishopairport.org by May 9th at 9 a.m.**

We ask that you do not reveal any information as to the time or the place of the event. All of the agencies involved are to hear of the details “as they happen”. ***

Day of Exercise: You must present yourself to the Golf Tee Hangar gate entrance off Torrey Road between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.

No late arrivals will be permitted in order to ensure that there is no interference with emergency responders enacting the exercise. This will be our media staging area for the entire exercise. Please report to the PIO on site to be escorted to the media area. A police officer will be able to direct you to the PIO.

Recap and Additional Information:

Preregistration Deadline: May 9th at 9 a.m. Full legal names of representatives to amacclaren@bishopairport.org

Date of Exercise: May 10th at 9:00 a.m. (you must arrive between 8:15 and 8:45)

Exercise Site Location: Golf Tee Hangars off Torrey Road, Flint, MI (same location as the 2019 exercise)

Exercise Site Procedure: Police officers at the gate entrance will check you in. Ask them to direct you to the PIO at the Press Parking area (it will be marked). Once briefed, you will be allowed general access to the media area—keep in mind that it is vital that you do not interfere with the exercise so that we can keep this event as realistic as possible for all of the participants. Upon exit, you must check out with the Police.

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