



## **EMERGENCY DRILL PLANNED THURSDAY AT AIRPORT**

**200 Public Safety Personnel will “Respond” to a Simulated Accident**

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HYANNIS – Barnstable Municipal Airport and the Hyannis Fire Department will stage a full-scale emergency drill at the airport Thursday, October 18 from 5-8 p.m. to provide hands-on training for more than 200 airport, airline and area mutual aid emergency response staff.

The drill will simulate the crash of an aircraft carrying 34 passengers and three crew members, and a resulting fire. Public safety officials will administer on-the-scene emergency medical aid, and volunteer victims will be transported to Cape Cod Hospital. A mobile command center will be set up on site.

The drill, which the Federal Aviation Administration requires of airports every three years, will be realistic-looking, said Airport Manager Roland “Bud” Breault. It will be staged on the far end of airport’s east ramp which is accessible only from Mary Dunn Way off Route 28. Only emergency and other official vehicles will be admitted to the scene.

“We want people to know that this will only be a drill,” Breault said. “There will be a controlled fire at the scene with lots of police and fire vehicles and a helicopter landing on site.”

Barnstable Police intend to make reverse 911 calls Wednesday to homes and businesses in the immediate area of the airport to alert them to the drill.

Parking will be prohibited along the airport fence on Route 28 and in the area of the Airport Rotary, and motorists are advised to use caution when driving in the area. One airport runway will remain open to flights during the drill.

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**NOTICE TO EDITORS:** Credentialed news media are invited to cover the drill from close-up range. Please to go Gate A of the airport off Mary Dunn Way for parking and admission. A small bus will take you onto the secure ramp activity area. Airport Manager Bud Breault is expected to host a news conference at the mobile command center about 6 p.m. If you plan to attend, please notify Chip Bishop at 508 292-2474 or [Chip@ChipBishop.com](mailto:Chip@ChipBishop.com). Provide the make, model and color of the car you intend to drive to the scene.