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HARRY REID INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO CONDUCT TRIENNIAL EMERGENCY EXERCISE ON SEPT. 12

***Emergency teams will respond to a simulated aircraft incident with casualties,
smoke and pyrotechnics to add realism to drill***

The Clark County Department of Aviation will conduct a Triennial Emergency Preparedness Exercise at Harry Reid International Airport (LAS) on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires airports to complete a triennial exercise every three years to maintain their operating certificate. The drill also provides an opportunity for airport staff, first responders and partners to test their preparedness and response to a large-scale aircraft emergency.

This year, the full-scale exercise involves two aircraft, smoke, pyrotechnics and volunteers to contribute to the realism of the drill. The progressive scenario limits responding participants' advance knowledge of what's unfolding around them, a technique meant to improve their ability to react quickly and correctly during a stressful situation.

As always, the safety and security of guests, employees and the community are the highest priorities at LAS. While the triennial is the largest emergency exercise at the airport, employees and partners undergo regular training and cross-departmental exercises to ensure continued emergency response preparedness.

Normal airport operations will not be impacted by the exercise, and travelers can expect their flight operations to continue as usual. Video and photos will be provided following the exercise on Thursday.

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About Harry Reid International Airport

Harry Reid International Airport (LAS) and the four general aviation facilities including Henderson Executive Airport, North Las Vegas Airport, Jean Sport Aviation Center and Overton-Perkins Field, are owned and operated by the Clark County Department of Aviation. For more information on LAS, or the full system of airports, please visit HarryReidAirport.com. For timely information and airport updates, please visit our social media channels [@LASAirport](#).