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## **McCARRAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO HOST FULL-SCALE EMERGENCY EXERCISE ON THURSDAY**

***Emergency teams will respond to a simulated mass casualty incident involving aircraft; smoke, pyrotechnics and actors to add realism to triennial drill***

The Clark County Department of Aviation will conduct its 2018 Triennial Emergency Preparedness Exercise at McCarran International Airport on the morning of Thursday, September 13.

The realistic exercise, which took more than a year to plan, will simulate an emergency incident near one of McCarran's busiest runways using a "Moon Ray Airlines" Boeing 737 passenger jet. Local fire, police and rescue personnel will coordinate their response with airport personnel just as they would during a real-world event. Additionally, ambulances and a rescue helicopter will be used in the drill to transport from the scene some victim-actors requiring medical attention.

The Federal Aviation Administration requires most U.S. airports to complete an emergency preparedness exercise once every three years in order to maintain their certification. Smoke, pyrotechnics and a busy on-airport setting will contribute to the realism of the drill. The exercise will feature a progressive scenario that limits participants' advance knowledge of what's unfolding around them, a technique that's meant to improve their ability to react quickly and correctly during a stressful situation.

More than 100 volunteers from the United States Air Force will participate as "victims" in this exercise. Prior to the drill, these volunteers will undergo an extensive moulage - the process of applying make-up and prosthetics to replicate injuries that would likely result from an actual aircraft crash. Medical responders will be asked to triage these patients and determine what care is needed before directing the injured to the appropriate medical facility.

Members of the media are invited to cover the events as they unfold on the airfield and later participate in a mock press conference that will present details of the simulated emergency.

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**Editor's Note: Airport representatives will be on hand beginning at 5:00 a.m. for live interview opportunities during Thursday's early morning newscasts. Access to the moulage process will be available as well. Media wishing to attend should contact Christine Crews by cell at (702) 767-8170 to coordinate.**

**At the end of the drill, media are also invited to attend the exercise's mock press conference which will take place at the airport's Administration Building located at 1845 E. Russell Road. Airport representatives will also be available for post-event, "real world" interviews at this time.**

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