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## **Media Advisory**

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### **Syracuse Hancock International Airport to Conduct Airport Emergency Plan Exercise on August 11: Flight Simulator Training Scheduled on Thursday, August 9**

**Syracuse, New York** – The City of Syracuse Department of Aviation will conduct a full scale emergency response drill on Saturday, August 11, 2012 beginning at 8:30 a.m. The exercise will be open to the media. Please report to Gate 148, located at the entrance to C&S Engineers, where airport personnel will be on hand to provide access to the observation area.

The drill will simulate an aircraft emergency, which will trigger implementation of the Airport Emergency Plan, bringing together support and resources from the airlines, Transportation Security Administration, the City of Syracuse Police and Fire Departments, the 174<sup>th</sup> FW NYANG, the Air Traffic Control Tower, C&S Engineers, Inc., the Red Cross, and other first responders and mutual aid organizations throughout Onondaga County.

“The Airport is required to conduct this full scale drill every three years,” said Aviation Commissioner Christina R. Reale. “This not only gives us an opportunity to put into action the Airport Emergency Plan, the real benefit comes from the coming together of the entire airport community. A good plan is more than what is written on paper; the communication and interaction that is required in order to deal with this type of emergency can only happen when you conduct this type of exercise.”

Details of the plan will not be revealed to the public, however, Airport neighbors may notice an increased presence of police and fire; please do not contact the 911 Emergency Center - this is part of the exercise. The exercise will not impact air traffic or scheduled flights, and passengers should arrive at the airport according to TSA regulations – no later than 2 hours before your scheduled flight.

In addition to Saturday’s drill, the Syracuse Fire Department – Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Division will conduct a series of training exercises using an aircraft simulator. The press is invited to view the live fire training on Thursday, August 9. Please report to Gate 148, located at the entrance to C&S Engineers, at 9:30 a.m. for access to the training site.

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