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APPLETON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO CONDUCT TRIENNIAL EMERGENCY EXERCISE

APPLETON, Wis. – <u>Appleton International Airport</u> will conduct its federally mandated Triennial Emergency Exercise at the new <u>ATW Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training Center at FVTC</u> Wednesday, August 12 at 7 p.m.

"This simulation creates realistic emergency conditions that exercise many aspects of our FAA-approved airport emergency plan: disaster response, mutual aid support, communications, and triage and transport," said Abe Weber, Appleton Airport director. "We are excited to utilize the brand-new ATW ARFF Training Center to carry out this emergency exercise in a controlled environment."

Airport staff will conduct the drill with help from four area fire departments, first responder groups, law enforcement agencies, ambulance and helicopter services, American Red Cross, and a major US airline. Emergency vehicles, along with fire and rescue vehicles, are expected to respond as part of the drill.

"Over 50 volunteer participants representing travelers and families will assist with the emergency drill," said Weber. "We greatly appreciate the support of our community members, responding agencies, and staff in conducting this exercise with professionalism."

Appleton Airport Public Safety and Outagamie County Emergency Management coordinated the exercise. Airport Public Safety Chief Gary Wunsch provided a list of area agencies participating in Wednesday's drill:

- Facility: Fox Valley Technical College's ATW ARFF Training Center
- Fire Departments: ATW Airport, Greenville, Fox Crossing, Dale.
- First Responders: Greenville, Dale.
- Law Enforcement: Outagamie County Sheriff's Department
- Transportation: Gold Cross Ambulance Service, ThedaStar Air Medical
- Other assistance: CERT (Outagamie County Community Emergency Response Team), Crisis Intervention Team and Kwik Trip.

The emergency exercise will not affect scheduled passenger flights at the Appleton Airport or traffic on area roads. The event is not open to the public.

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About Appleton International Airport

Appleton International Airport connects our community to the world through American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, and Allegiant Air. In addition to offering nonstop service to 10 destinations, Appleton Airport connects to four major international airport hubs from which travelers can fly to almost anywhere in the world. Using Appleton Airport, travelers can safely and more conveniently get to their destination and home again, leaving them more time for what really matters. Visit www.atwairport.com to learn more.