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MEDIA ADVISORY

Nashville International Airport To Conduct Full-scale Disaster Exercise April 21

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nashville International Airport (BNA) will conduct a full-scale disaster exercise on Tuesday, April 21, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. BNA advises members of the public that the aircraft, emergency vehicles and other equipment on Runway 13-31, which is visible from I-40 and the Briley Parkway interchange, will be for staging a simulation of an aircraft disaster and will not be associated with an actual emergency situation.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations mandate airports to conduct full-scale emergency exercises every three years, with annual tabletop exercises in the off years. A team of mutual-aid agencies developed a scenario that includes components related to environmental mitigation, safety, security, casualties, injuries, mental health, communications and incident management. The exercise will test the effectiveness of the response plans and procedures of the airport and participating agencies.

In addition to 200 community volunteers from Hands On Nashville, the following agencies and companies will participate in or observe the drill: FAA, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Transportation Security Administration, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Civil Air Patrol, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, Tennessee Air National Guard, Tennessee Department of Homeland Security, Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County Fire, Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County Police, Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County Office of Emergency Management, Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County Health, Sumner County Emergency Management Agency, Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency, American Airlines, Continental Express, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Skyway/Midwest Express, Southwest Airlines, United Express, US Airways, Air Canada, First Transit, FedEx, Walden Security, HEPACO, Summit Medical Center, Vanderbilt Medical Center, Baptist Hospital, Saint Thomas Hospital, Southern Hills Medical Center, Metro General Hospital, Skyline Medical Center, Centennial Medical Center, Centerstone Community Health Centers, Middle Tennessee Medical Reserve Corps, American Red Cross, and Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport.

MEDIA INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE DRILL: Media need to arrive at the Consolidated Service Facility Building, located at 815 Hangar Lane, by 5:30 p.m. to be shuttled to the site.

Directions: From downtown Nashville, travel east on I-40. Take Exit 216B/Donelson Pike South. Turn right at first traffic light, which is Hangar Lane. Then turn right onto Airport Service Road. It is the first building on the left. Turn left into the parking area.