

ADVISORY

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MBJ Airports Limited Conducts Emergency Response Exercise at Sangster International Airport

More than 50 volunteers and multiple agencies will participate in an emergency simulation exercise at Sangster International Airport on July 31, 2015. Conducted from time to time, a simulation exercise is a requirement of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards and allows the various agencies to practice the response in preparation for a real emergency and to test their Emergency Management Plan.

The exercise scenario will involve the participation of: Jamaica Constabulary Force, Jamaica Defence Force, Cornwall Regional Hospital, Jamaica Fire Brigade, along with MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ) own Emergency Response Team. Volunteers will play injured victims, passengers and family members providing a realistic experience for those agencies involved.

Regular Airport Activities Will Proceed As Normal.

An Emergency Management Plan centres around three principles – prevention, preparedness and practice and deals with any emergency situation, be it an aircraft incident; a natural disaster such as an earthquake, fire or flood; a medical emergency; or a security threat. It is assessed and refined on an on-going basis to incorporate knowledge gained through real-life and simulated emergency situations, and the latest developments in airport safety and emergency management.

The exercise will be conducted in secure areas of the airport property and therefore MBJ will not be able to facilitate access to the media during the exercise. Should any member of the media wish to be provided access after the event, please contact Sharon Hislop-Holt at shislop@mbjairport.com or 564-7713 (mobile) to make arrangements.

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