



Capital Region International Airport

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Capital Region International Airport to Host Fire Training Exercise on Thursday June 4, 2015

(Lansing, MI) Lansing's Capital Region International Airport will host a fire training exercise for fire departments throughout the Mid Michigan region **on Thursday, June 4, 2015**. Airport public safety personnel will work with numerous area fire departments, medical response teams and law enforcement agencies to facilitate training on the unique and most effective techniques to fight an aircraft or fuel fire.

The daylong exercise is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Tri-county area mutual aid emergency personnel are expected to respond in the exercise as if the events are a real disaster. Additional training is scheduled through the rest of the day until 9:00 p.m. Lansing Ice and Fuel is making a significant donation of products to lower the cost of the training exercise.

"This exercise will test and train area firefighters in how to best handle an aircraft or fuel fire," said Robert Selig, president and CEO of the Capital Region Airport Authority. "We thank all the participating agencies and appreciate their cooperation, and I'm sure firefighters will find this to be a valuable exercise."

Wade Boyat with ARFF Specialists of Duluth coordinates this type of fire training throughout the nation and will direct the daylong exercises in Lansing. **Airport officials are making every effort to inform the public of this exercise in advance to prevent any undue concern that the drill might be a real airport or aircraft emergency. The exercise will NOT interfere with any scheduled arriving or departing aircraft, and passengers will have access to the main terminal building throughout the event.**

*****MEDIA NOTE:** An aircraft simulator used in the exercise will create flames and smoke in the area. **Members of credentialed media may request to observe and cover the simulator training portion of the disaster exercise and interview Wade Boyat for a news story, but media MUST make arrangements in advance by calling Robert Kolt, 517-706-0001 or 517-881-4446 and be at the airport between 1–2 p.m. Press should be prepared to arrive at the airport information booth in the main terminal at 12:45 a.m., and media will have limited escorted access to the disaster simulation area.** The simulator training portion of the exercise will occur on a closed airport runway.