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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **El Paso International Airport, Fire Department conduct emergency preparedness exercise**

**EL PASO, Texas** – El Paso International Airport and the El Paso Fire Department will conduct a table top emergency preparedness exercise from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on **Tuesday, October 6, 2015**.

This exercise, which is closed to the public, provides an informal environment which is conducive for training and provides a platform for local agencies to discuss policies and procedures that would be used in a given scenario in the event of an emergency at the airport.

EPIA is required by the Federal Aviation Administration to hold a table top emergency exercise each year and a full-scale exercise with personnel and equipment every three years. The last full-scale exercise took place in 2014.

The purpose of this exercise is to test and evaluate the Airport Emergency Plan (AEP) in cooperation with El Paso Fire Department, El Paso Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Fort Bliss, Red Cross, hospitals, Airlines, and other local agencies.

The City of El Paso is requesting assistance from local news media in advising the public this is only an exercise.

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