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SFO Full-Scale Emergency Exercise

Members of media invited to participate as role-play passengers

SAN FRANCISCO - October 12, 2016 - The San Francisco International Airport (SFO) will conduct its annual full-scale emergency exercise on Wednesday, October 12 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Although federal regulations require U.S. airports to conduct a full-scale emergency drill every three years, SFO conducts this exercise annually to ensure the highest level of readiness.

The exercise will practice emergency response procedures to a simulated aircraft accident using the Airport's Boeing 767 training aircraft, and will involve the coordination of various agencies, including Airport staff, the San Francisco Fire Department Airport Division, the San Francisco Police Department Airport Bureau, local area hospitals, mutual aid units from around the Bay Area, and various state and federal agencies.

In addition, a team of approximately 200 volunteers will participate in a role-play as passengers, allowing first responders to practice triage, transport, and passenger reunification. Media are invited to participate as role-play passengers in the exercise; please contact: wayne.wong@flysfo.com to volunteer.

WHAT:

- SFO Full-Scale Emergency Exercise **WHEN:**
 - Wednesday, October 12, 2016
- Exercise runs from 9:00am 12:00pm
- Media may arrive at 6:30am to film volunteers having makeup applied to simulate injuries

VISUAL:

• Simulated emergency using Airport's Boeing 767 training aircraft, including the use of smoke

- Grandstand viewing of tarmac area closed for the emergency exercise
- Narration of response and recovery efforts, including triage, ambulance, and helicopter operations

RSVP & CONTACT:

Please RSVP to Public Information Officer Doug Yakel via e-mail at <u>doug.yakel@flysfo.com</u> Media volunteering to role-play as passengers should also e-mail <u>wayne.wong@flysfo.com</u> for more information

PARKING:

Parking for media will be available on North Access Road, and vehicles being used for live broadcast may be escorted to the viewing area. All vehicles must report to the following location <u>no later than 8:45am</u>:

http://goo.gl/maps/Or7Sf
