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Airport Emergency Response Exercise To Take Place Wednesday

Using a bus as a mock aircraft, roughly a dozen volunteer victims, the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport, and the City of Lewiston/Nez Perce County Office of Emergency Management, a full-scale emergency drill will be staged to test the response to a catastrophic incident on airport grounds.

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8th, a mock plane crash will take place at the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport. The exercise, which runs until 10:30 a.m., will serve as practice for the emergency service agencies that would normally respond to an aircraft incident at the airport. This includes Lewiston Police, Lewiston Fire and EMS, other emergency workers, airport personnel, and area hospitals, all simulating the duties they would perform during a real emergency.

“Exercises like this are important because they provide a high-stress training environment for first responders to coordinate and respond,” Emergency Management Coordinator Clark Filip said. “The exercise will also be evaluated and critiqued so emergency plans and procedures can be revised and ultimately made better for the entire community.”

Members of the news media and members of the public may view the exercise from the fence along Stearman Street off of O’Conner and Southport Roads.