



## Emergency Preparedness Exercise March 21, 2018

Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) holds a full-scale emergency exercise every three years to comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.

This year's exercise will test emergency personnel's response to a simulated aircraft incident, in conjunction with SJC's Emergency Plan. Specifically, the scenario involves the on-airport response to and rescue of passengers onboard an Embraer 175. The aircraft, which can hold up to 78 passengers, strikes a bird while landing on Runway 30R, causing flight controls to malfunction.

The exercise is a training opportunity for a number of agencies to work together in responding to a likely emergency such as an aircraft incident.

Exercise planning partners include:

SJC Airport staff & volunteers, including - Chaplaincy Program - K-9 Crew (therapy dog program)	San Jose Fire Department, including: - Aircraft, Rescue & Fire Fighting Station 20 - Communications
Delta Air Lines and Hainan Airlines	Federal Aviation Administration
San Jose Police Department, including: - Airport Division - Special Operations	Santa Clara County, including: - Coroner's Office - Mental Health - Emergency Medical Services

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## Exercise Partners (cont'd):

Mutual aid partners, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- City of Santa Clara</li> <li>- City of Sunnyvale</li> <li>- City of Palo Alto</li> <li>- Cal Fire</li> <li>- Rural/Metro ambulance services</li> </ul>	Customs and Border Protection  Transportation Security Administration
American Red Cross	California Highway Patrol

The exercise includes two venues:

- 1) the emergency responder and observer area held inside and on the adjacent ramp of the hangar located at 1455 Airport Blvd., San Jose (*open to media*); and
- 2) a Family Resource Center adjacent to the Airport Admin Offices area where employees and business partners of Delta Air Lines and Hainan Airlines will test their response in providing care, comfort and assistance to family members of victims (*open to participants only*).

This FAA-required full-scale triennial emergency drill is a key component of the Airport's emergency preparedness program. The training also supports SJC's priority of maintaining and improving the safety and security of passengers and tenant employees. When it comes to responding to an aircraft incident, every second counts in trying to rescue victims and save lives.

Emergency preparedness representatives from other Bay Area airports and mutual aid agencies will evaluate SJC's response. This is important so we can learn from one other, and understand how we can continue to support and collaborate with each other from a regional emergency planning perspective.

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