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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media are Invited to Observe Mineta San Jose International Airport's Disaster Exercise

*-- Airport, Airline, Fire, Police and Mutual Aid Partners to Test the
Emergency Response to a Simulated Air Carrier Incident --*

- WHAT:** Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) will test its emergency response to a simulated air carrier incident. Media are invited to observe.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 (**Rain or Shine**)
Exercise: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Participant interviews: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and beginning at 12 Noon.*
*Participants will be focused on safety briefings, implementing the exercise and debriefings from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon.
- WHERE:** Mineta San Jose International Airport
1455 Airport Blvd., San Jose (hangar and adjacent aircraft ramp).
- Exercise activities will take place inside the hangar and on the aircraft ramp adjacent to the hangar.
- Media can sit inside the hangar and/or stand in a controlled area outside the hangar. Both locations offer a clear view of the exercise activity.
- WHY/WHO:** SJC holds an emergency exercise every three years to comply with federal aviation regulations and to test the airport's Emergency Plan. This year's full-scale exercise will test emergency personnel's simulated response to a commercial airline incident involving an Embraer 175 which strikes a bird while landing on Runway 30R, causing the aircraft to lose the ability to utilize its flaps. The exercise is a training opportunity for airport, airline, San Jose Fire Department, San Jose Police Department, medical response personnel and other mutual aid partners and volunteers. [Learn more details here.](#)
- PARKING:** For this event, media vehicles may park in the lot located on the landside adjacent to 1455 Airport Blvd., San Jose. Airport personnel will provide parking guidance within the lot.

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OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteers will be made up as victims for the exercise. Emergency personnel will simulate the response to and rescue of victims onboard an Embraer 175 aircraft. A seating area and standing area will be provided for media.

NOTES: Simulated radio traffic of an emergency nature may be heard during the exercise period and will be identified as such.

Please dress appropriately for the weather.

In the event of a real aircraft emergency at SJC, media will not have access to the airfield during the response phase. Limited access may be granted during the recovery phase, with approval of the Incident Commander and Airport staff.

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Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San José. The airport serves 12.5 million passengers annually, with 200+ peak daily departures on 16 international and domestic carriers to 54 nonstop destinations. SJC has been America's fastest-growing major airport over the past two years, based on percentage increase in passenger seat capacity. For more airport information, visit flysanjose.com.

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