

# Okaloosa County News Release



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## Northwest Florida Regional Airport Emergency Training Exercise

The Northwest Florida Regional Airport (VPS) will be conducting a **“Triennial Full Scale Exercise”** as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from 9:00 a.m. until approximately noon on April 19, 2012. The purpose of the exercise is to practice emergency response procedures. The exercise simulates the response by local authorities to an aircraft incident at the airport and will include participation by county airport staff, Eglin AFB emergency responders, airline personnel, Airport Police, Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office, County Department of Public Safety and EMS, the Red Cross and evaluators from Team Eglin.

Volunteers from Team Eglin, Northwest Florida State College and the USO will be playing the roles of “victims” and “friends and family.” Customers at the airport that day will encounter no problems with travel but may see smoke and noise from the **simulated “accident scene”** as well as emergency vehicles responding to the event. Signs will be posted in affected areas letting the public know what is occurring and announcements will be made throughout the morning in the terminal building. If you have any questions, please contact Airports Director Greg Donovan, 651-7160.

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