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SMF Prepares for Emergencies

Fire truck sirens blared and ambulance lights flashed during the Sacramento International Airport (SMF) triennial emergency drill on June 9. The real-time exercise serves two purposes. The Federal Aviation Administration requires the airport to conduct the test every three years to evaluate its emergency response systems. In addition, the exercise provides hands-on training for Sacramento County Airport System employees and their partners in the community.

Assistant Director of Safety and Security Dr. Frances Sherertz and her team spent six months designing the exercise. The scenario featured an uncontained engine failure with cabin penetration. A United States Coast Guard four-engine C-130 served as the simulated aircraft.

In a real emergency at SMF, personnel and equipment from other jurisdictions would respond. During the exercise, more than sixty firefighters from Sacramento City, West Sacramento, Woodland, Yolo, and Sacramento Metro Fire participated. Other groups also responded, including the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. Several airline employees joined the drill as "family members" or played roles helping provide family reunification and assistance. Nearly 50 people volunteered as "victims."

Sacramento International's 2005 triennial exercise was unique because it occurred at night. Nearly all airports in the United States conduct their triennial exercises during the day. The nighttime event required airport



June 9, 2005 - Fire fighting units respond to a simulated aircraft emergency during Sacramento International Airport's triennial drill. Photo by Gina Swankie.

managers and essential personnel to return to the airport after hours and stay until nearly 12:30 a.m.

Overall, the drill ran smoothly. Several inspectors observed the event and provided valuable feedback. During the next year, Sacramento County Airport System will use the results from the exercise to enhance the airport's emergency response plan.

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Executive Airport Celebrates 75 Years

On June 18, Executive Airport celebrated 75 years of high-flying success with a special community event. Approximately 1500 visitors enjoyed tasty food, aircraft and history displays and kids activities. The day began with a pancake breakfast that raised more than \$400 for the South Sacramento/Greenhaven Chamber of Commerce. At 10 a.m. County Supervisors Roger Dickinson and Illa Collin, City Councilmember Lauren Hammond, and Director of Airports G. Hardy Acree spoke to the crowd about the success of Executive Airport.

Business was booming at Aviators Restaurant in the afternoon, while airport visitors toured the static display of 17 aircraft. The seventeen aircraft on display included a P-51, a Husky A1B Floatplane and airplanes from Cal Trans and the California Highway Patrol. Several airport tenants hosted open houses. The Experimental Aircraft Associations' Young Eagles program introduced 55 children to the joy of flight. Airport staff turned the conference room into a mini-museum with a historical photo display. McClellan Aviation Museum joined the event with an aircraft ejection-seat exhibit. A dozen Civil Air Patrol Cadets volunteered for the day, directing traffic, answering questions, and helping with set-up and teardown.

Since its groundbreaking as Sutterville Aerodrome in 1930, Executive Airport has played a vital

role in serving aviation needs for Northern California. During World War II, the U.S. Army Corps operated the facility. Following the war, the airport was renamed Sacramento Municipal. It served as the commercial airport for Sacramento until 1967, when Sacramento County took over operations and commercial passenger service moved to Sacramento Metro Field (SMF). Today, Executive Airport is the premiere general aviation facility in Northern California.



June 18, 2005 - Visitors enjoy a pancake breakfast at Aviators restaurant during the Executive Airport 75th Anniversary Celebration. Photo by Paul Bennett.



June 18, 2005 - This P-51 was one of 17 aircraft on display at the Executive Airport 75th Anniversary Celebration. Photo by Karen Doron.

Flight Numbers		May 2005	May 2004	Last 12 Months 2005	Last 12 Months 2004
Passenger traffic at Sacramento International Airport was up 7.9% in May 2005 compared to May 2004. Combined total freight at Sacramento County Airport System was up 2.6% in May 2005 compared to May 2004.	International Airport				
	Passengers	908,043	841,176	9,912,927	9,048,375
	Air Freight (Tons)	5,636	5,295	65,099	64,634
	Aircraft Operations	14,122	13,807	162,314	162,042
	Executive Airport				
	Aircraft Operations	11,074	11,668	108,004	144,429
	Mather Airport				
	Air Freight (Tons)	4,846	4,921	62,532	63,421
	Aircraft Operations	7,301	7,108	80,775	73,141