

The City of Pearl
and the
***Jackson Municipal
Airport Authority***



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Emergency Management Exercise

"Working Together for Your Safety"

Airport Operations and Access

The Jackson-Evers International Airport will remain open for service during the entire Emergency Management Exercise.

While it will be necessary to ask some of our patrons to use a slightly different route to the airport than they may be used to, we will be allowing passengers to enter and exit the airport throughout the day. In order to safely conduct emergency response operations, medical triage and "passenger" transport at and around the Exercise Scene roadways in the immediate vicinity of the airport entrance will be controlled for emergency vehicles and airport traffic only.

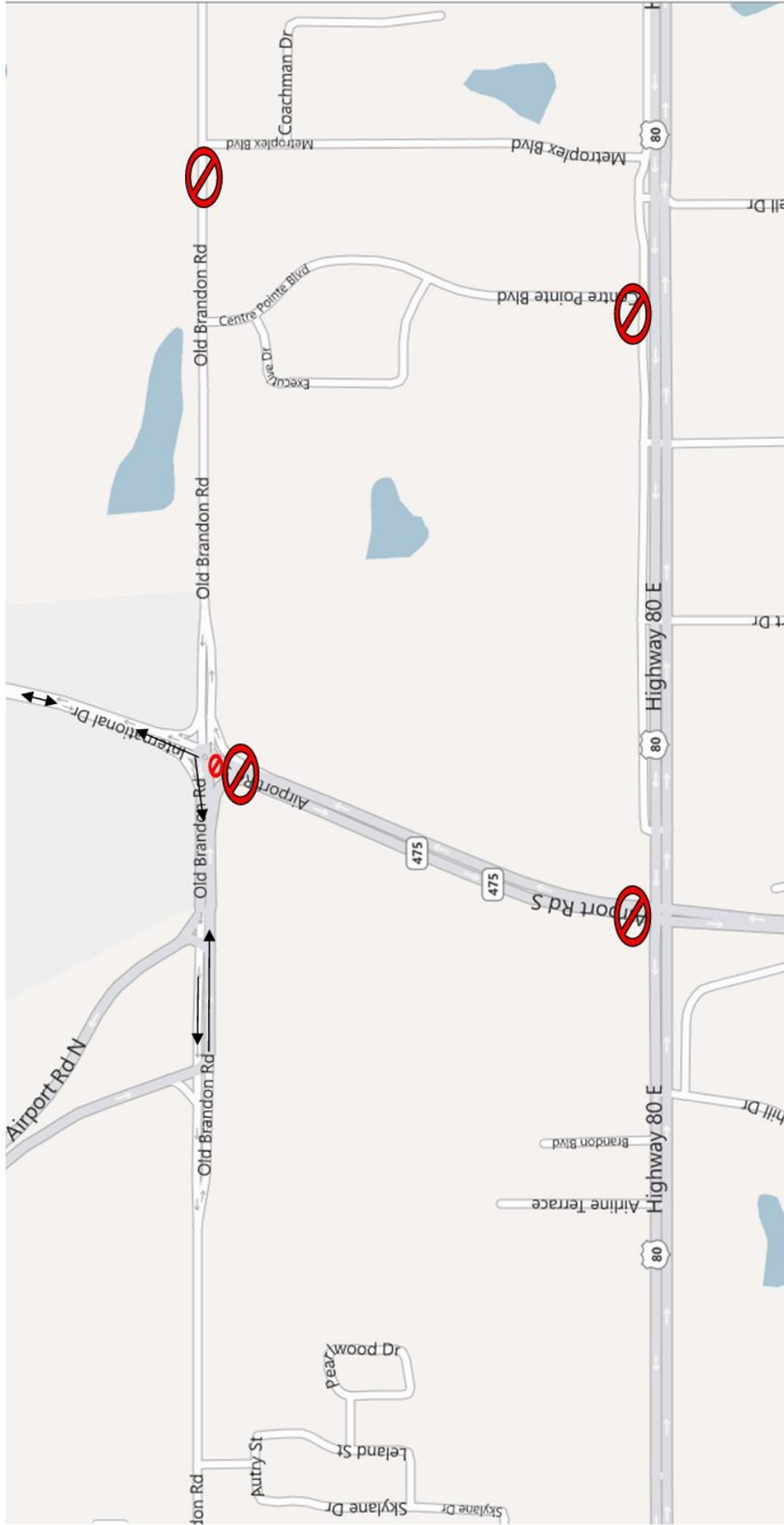
Airport patrons are advised to take Highway 25, or Lakeland Drive, to Highway 475, or Airport Road to access the airport if possible. The intersection of MS 475 and Foxhall Road will be controlled, but airport traffic will be allowed access through this point.

If patrons are taking US Interstate 20, or Highway 80, they will be asked to detour to Foxhall Road and enter Highway 475 at that location.

Highway 475 between Highway 80 and Old Brandon Road and the area from Old Brandon Road, East of Highway 475 to Metroplex Boulevard in Pearl, will be closed to non-emergency traffic during the exercise. Traffic will be asked to detour to Highway 80 to travel west from that point.

Law enforcement teams from the surrounding area will be in place to direct traffic and advise motorists of their best routes.

Detailed descriptions and traffic plans are attached for reference.



Additional Note: Southern section of the roundabout will be closed.

Traffic Flow



Road Closure





At the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) safety is our number one mission. In the almost fifty years of operations at the Jackson-Evers International Airport, there has never been a fatal accident involving a commercial aircraft. Through those same fifty years, the surrounding communities have never been impacted by aircraft related incidents or accidents. One of the reasons why we have such a good record is our continual attention to safety.

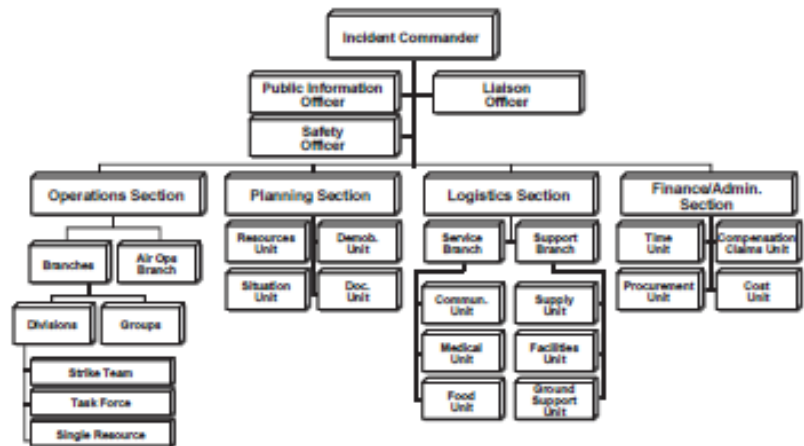
Commercial operation airports are airports that serve passenger airlines. These airports are regulated for safety by the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA".) The FAA sets the rules that airports must follow. FAA safety inspectors visit these airports each year to ensure that they have proper safety plans, have enough personnel and equipment to respond to emergencies, and that emergency response teams from the surrounding communities agree to provide assistance and that agreements with these agencies are in place and up to date.



FAA and other safety organizations call these agreements Mutual Aid Agreements. Mutual aid in this case means that law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical response and other emergency response teams from different cities, towns, counties or other government bodies agree to help each other when a major event creates the need for large numbers or specially trained personnel and additional or specialized equipment.

While JMAA has an impressive safety record, preparing for a major emergency event in close partnership with the emergency response and public safety agencies across the community is imperative to ensure that should an accident occur we are all prepared to respond. FAA requires airports to conduct annual "Table Top" exercises to talk through their plans and update information. Once every three years, airports are required to exercise their plans in live "field conditions." This year the City of Pearl will join with JMAA to conduct one of these live field conditions exercises so that the City can test their systems and equipment, and train their personnel on how to work with mutual aid support under a Unified Command system.

Unified Command means that one agency takes the lead to organize and direct the response to an emergency. Unified Command is directed by an Incident Commander. The Incident Commander may be a member of the fire department or police department or a specialist in emergency response. The Incident Commander takes the lead. All the responding mutual aid agencies report to and take their directions from the Incident Commander regardless of who they normally work with.



Incident Commanders must know how to direct the personnel from all the various emergency response agencies. If they are firefighters, they need to know how the police department works and what they can do. If they are emergency medical personnel they must also know how the firefighters do their job and what resources they can bring to the event. If they are police officers they must be aware of the capabilities of the communications equipment that their mutual aid partners use. All of these elements of emergency response fall under the responsibility of the Incident Commander.

The Emergency Management Exercise (“EME”) scheduled for 2011 involves all types of emergency response missions, personnel, equipment and supplies. The exercise is based on a scenario or story line prepared by the EME planning team.

Exercise scenarios tell the story of what happened, how many people were involved, and what kind of assistance is required. This year’s scenario describes an accident involving a commercial aircraft. According to the scenario the plane was flying over our area and declared an emergency. The crew attempted to land the plane on a runway but were not able to control the aircraft’s motion and instead the plane is now on the ground just outside the airport and in the City of Pearl.



This scenario will require fire fighters to respond to the scene to suppress several small fires, assist passengers to exit the damaged plane, and to provide emergency medical assistance to passengers who may have been injured during the accident. The process of choosing who will receive medical attention first is called Triage.



Triage is the process of determining the priority of patients' treatments or need for transport to a hospital based on the severity of their condition. The term comes from the French verb trier, meaning to separate, sift or select.

The way we test our fire fighters and emergency medical response personnel's ability to conduct triage is by applying "moulage." Another French term, moulage is the art of applying mock injuries for the purpose of training.



Moulage may be as simple as applying pre-made rubber or latex "wounds" to a healthy "patient's" limbs, chest, head, etc., or as complex as using complicated makeup and theatre techniques to provide elements of realism (such as blood, vomitus, open fractures, etc.) to the training simulation. Volunteers are asked to submit themselves to the moulage process to give emergency responders a more realistic training opportunity. In addition to the makeup, volunteers are also given a color coded triage tag to show their place in the order of care.

CONTAMINATED	Personal Property Receipt / Evidence Tag
	Destination
	Via
	TRIAGE TAG
	AUTO INJECTOR
EVIDENCE	MORQUE Prolapsed/Severing
	IMMEDIATE Life-Threatening Injury
	DELAYED Serious, Non-Life-Threatening
	MINOR Walking Wounded



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Other missions involved in the EME include, traffic management and scene security to protect evidence, usually provided in coordination by the local police departments; interviews of passengers with minor or no injuries to collect data on the likely cause of the accident; assistance to members of the passengers' families, and public information bulletins about the accident, how it impacts road traffic, airport operations and other important information provided to assist people impacted by the event.



All of these functions are critical; none of them can be tested without the support of volunteers to assume the role of passengers and family members, public safety professionals to observe and critique the exercise and the community we serve that allows us to block traffic, make noise, set off smoke machines to simulate fires, and activate emergency lights and sirens to and from the accident scene.

Safety is always our number one mission and therefore no exercise events will be undertaken in a manner to expose our volunteers to unnecessary risks.



Emergency Response Teams

An exercise of this magnitude requires support from the entire community. Emergency responders work together under a Unified Command Structure through Mutual Aid Agreements to support the initial response effort, the recovery investigation phases of the event, and management of the incident scene.

These agencies have been working as a team to develop the exercise scenario, test elements, roles and responsibilities through two years of "Table Top" planning sessions and now will be active participants in the exercise itself.

This critical program of mutual aid ensures that large scale emergency response requirements can be met by a strong, well trained, familiar, coordinated team across our community.



Community Volunteers!

Preparing and training for large scale community wide events such as this requires assistance from hundreds of volunteers willing to give their time to support the program. They serve as "wounded passengers", "family members" and "terminal area passengers" so that we can exercise our emergency response and service plans.

Participants in the 2001 Emergency Management Exercise come from a variety of school groups, local and national organizations, and the community we serve.

Thank you to these community service youth volunteers, university students and the families and friends of The City of Pearl and JMAA who help to make it all happen!



Area Hospitals

Timely communication, coordination and transportation of “injured” volunteers is a complex and demanding task.

Our area hospitals work in conjunction with emergency medical transportation services to ensure that receiving hospitals are aware of the number and current medical status of incoming patients, and that their emergency medical teams are prepared for their arrival.

During the Emergency Management Exercise our hospitals will test their communications and patient assignment system by receiving volunteers who have been subject to moulage and on scene triage by emergency medical first responders.



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