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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Emergency response tested at Archerfield Airport**

Emergency response procedures and inter-agency communication were tested at Archerfield Airport this week with a major 'real time' field exercise.

The exercise involved Airport, Queensland Police, Fire and Rescue, and Ambulance personnel, and was conducted in accordance with the Airport Emergency Plan. A debriefing session followed the exercise to identify operational issues that could be improved in the event of a genuine plane crash.

Airport General Manager, Corrie Metz, said the exercise provided enormous training value and aimed to improve coordination among the agencies and their specialised activities. He said the Airport Emergency Plan would be finetuned as a result of practical feedback gathered after the exercise.

As well as emergency response personnel, actors from the Actors Workshop in Brisbane participated in the scenario in which an aircraft carrying 13 passengers crashed on take-off and broke into two parts. There were three 'fatalities'; and 10 'injured' people were treated at the scene.

Mr Metz thanked all the agencies involved, as well as users of the airport and local residents and businesses.

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