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EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TEST THEIR SKILLS

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (4 November, 2014) Emergency responders were given a chance to test their skills on Thursday, 6 November as part of an Aircraft Emergency Exercise organized by the Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA).

The exercised called, “The Real Deal,” took place on the Cricket Pitch and involved a mock plane crash with 100 souls on board. Commenting on the exercise that is required by international regulations, CIAA’s senior manager, safety management systems and chairman of the Airport Emergency Planning Committee Andrew McLaughlin, said, “While *The Real Deal* exercise presented several challenges for the responders as well as the public since some roads were closed off and traffic diverted, I still believe it was a success.” He added, “All the agencies involved came together as a team to establish an Incident Command Post where all services and communications were coordinated for best efficiencies during the emergency.”

A debrief will take place today (Friday, 7 November) so the agencies involved can evaluate their performance and work on ways to improve for the next exercise.



The Airport Emergency Planning Committee comprises of representatives from CIAA, Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Services, Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, Health Services Authority and Hazard Management Cayman Islands. The committee was also assisted by The Cayman Islands Red Cross, Government Information Services, Public Safety Communications Centre, 9-1-1, the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps and airline partners.

The CIAA is also planning a similar emergency exercise for the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (CKIA) in Cayman Brac for later this month.

PHOTO CAPTION:

1. Fire officers treat an “injured passenger” during the mock exercise at the Cricket Pitch.
2. Fire officers clearing the mock exercise scene.
3. Fire officers transporting an “injured passenger” during the mock exercise.





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