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CIAA & EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO STAGE AIRPORT EMERGENCY EXERCISE

The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA) will be conducting an Airport Emergency Exercise, in accordance with international requirements, on Tuesday, 20th July. The Emergency Exercise, which has been dubbed, "Operation Heron", will be staged at nighttime in the vicinity of Owen Roberts International Airport on Grand Cayman.

Although the exact location of the Emergency Exercise is not being revealed, Superintendent Adrian Seales, of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS), advises that motorists should expect to encounter periodic traffic disruptions. According to Superintendent Seales, "It will be necessary for the RCIPS to stop traffic at various street lights and junctions along Smith Road, Crewe Road, Owen Roberts Drive and surrounding roads in the Industrial Park area. While these disruptions are necessary to accommodate the passage of emergency vehicles, we will endeavour to minimize the inconvenience to the motoring public."

Explaining the need for these Exercises to be held, the CIAA's Senior Manager Airport Operations and Chairman of the Airport Emergency Committee, Mr. Kerith McCoy, explained that it is crucial for airport personnel and supporting emergency responders to test their readiness on a regular basis to ensure they are fully prepared in the event of a real aircraft accident. The staging of the Exercise will inevitably result in some minor but essential inconvenience to the public and we ask for their understanding and cooperation.

The Airport Emergency Committee comprises representatives from the Cayman Islands Airports Authority, Airlines, 911 Emergency Communications, Government Information Services/Joint Communications Services, Hazard Management Cayman Islands, the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, the Cayman Islands Fire Service, the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority, the National Roads Authority, the Department of Environmental Health, the Red Cross and the Port Authority.

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