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DRBA and DEMA Schedule Full-Scale Emergency Exercise at New Castle Airport *Disaster Exercise Drill Scheduled for Saturday, July 10*

(New Castle, DE) The Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) and the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) have scheduled an emergency disaster exercise at the New Castle Airport (ILG) facility for Saturday, July 10, 2010. The emergency exercise is expected to start at 9:00 a.m. and continue through early afternoon.

What: An emergency preparedness exercise consisting of a coordinated response among Delaware River and Bay Authority, local, state and federal agencies as well as emergency medical units from New Castle County will take place on Saturday, July 10th, at 9:00 AM, at New Castle Airport (ILG). Designated as Operation Bad Flight, the exercise will be staged on the south side of the airport. Operation Bad Flight involves the report of an explosive device onboard an aircraft that lands at the airport. "Official observers" from the DRBA, state and federal agencies along with invited guests will have the opportunity to view the drill. A group of "official evaluators" consisting of emergency responders and aviation professionals will assess the procedures of responding emergency units.

"Airport personnel, first responders, and law enforcement professionals are trained to handle these types of emergency situations and coordinate with a variety of emergency service and rescue units," remarked Stephen Williams, Airports Director referring to the FAA required exercise that must take place every three years. "The drill itself and the corresponding assessments from the evaluators will enable the Airport to determine the effectiveness of its emergency response procedures and implement changes or enhancements, if necessary."

When: Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: New Castle Airport located on Route 13 in New Castle, Delaware.

Why: The full scale emergency exercise will test emergency plans and procedures, communication framework and coordination abilities of the participants. The exercise will serve as the airport's official emergency drill that satisfies the Federal Aviation Administration requirement that all certified airports must conduct a full-scale emergency exercise at a minimum once every three years. The drill typically involves a simulated aircraft accident and tests the response procedures and equipment of fire-rescue units and other emergency personnel that would respond to an actual incident. The exercise will serve as the airport's official emergency drill that satisfies the Federal Aviation Administration requirement that all certified airports must conduct a full-scale emergency exercise at a minimum once every three years. The drill typically involves a simulated aircraft accident and tests the response procedures and equipment of fire-rescue units and other emergency personnel that would respond to an actual incident.

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