



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### *Contacts:*

Gainesville Regional Airport  
Michelle Danisovszky, Public Relations  
and Governmental Affairs  
(352) 478-1217 or [michelle@flygainesville.com](mailto:michelle@flygainesville.com)

### EMERGENCY EXERCISE TO BE CONDUCTED AT GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT

**GAINESVILLE, Fla** – Oct. 15, 2007 – A full-scale emergency exercise will be conducted at Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV) involving numerous local and federal agencies on Thursday, Oct. 18 as part of the airport’s emergency operations plan. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires that all air carrier airport operators hold a full-scale exercise at least once every three years.

In a full-scale exercise, an accident scene is staged, personnel and equipment are deployed realistically, and volunteers simulate “victims.” A temporary electronic sign will be placed on Waldo Road to inform the public of the exercise. Citizens should expect to see fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, and other official traffic engaged in the practice exercise. Motorists near the airport are cautioned not to be alarmed by this activity. Smoke and fire may be visible from Waldo Road. Airline flights will not be affected by the drill as the primary runway will remain open.

The exercise will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will end at approximately Noon. This exercise is a simulated aircraft disaster intended to allow cooperating agencies, including Alachua County Fire Rescue (ACFR), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR), the Gainesville Police Department (GPD), the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), as well as airport personnel, to practice their emergency roles in response to an aircraft emergency. The agencies involved will take part in simulating their duties called for in the airport emergency plan. Volunteer victims for the event will be from Santa Fe Community College (SFCC). Other participating agencies include the U.S. Navy and the American Red Cross.

### **About Gainesville Regional Airport**

Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV) serves North Central Florida and the Heart of Florida through all facets of aviation: general aviation, commercial airlines, military and air cargo. Located in Gainesville, Florida, approximately 70 miles southwest of Jacksonville and just minutes away from the University of Florida, Gainesville Regional Airport provides a close, convenient and competitively priced “gateway” to the Heart of Florida. For more information, visit [www.flygainesville.com](http://www.flygainesville.com) or call (352) 373-0249.

###

NOTE: Media wishing to cover this event should report to University Air Center (UAC) by 8:30 a.m. All media will be given identification for close access to the event. For those interested in attending, please take the general aviation entrance from Waldo Road, take a left onto NE 40<sup>th</sup> terrace and UAC is on the right.