

## Eastern Iowa Airport prepares for disaster with emergency drill



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**CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (KCRG-TV9)** – Every three years the Federal Aviation Administration requires commercial airports to conduct a full-scale emergency drill.

Saturday Morning airport crews along with mutual aid practiced responding to an airplane accident with multiple injuries. Airport Rescue Firefighters even took on a live fire.

"We hope one that it never happens, but should an emergency occur we're going to need a lot of support from our mutual agencies throughout the community. It's about working together in a team format, communications, transport from the airport area hospitals coordinating our emergency plans with our hospitals, family assistance centers," Airport Director Marty Lenss said. "It's a holistic look at an incident. It's very important that we work together. We know one and others face, and we know how we work well together, so should we have an event, we're much more effective to respond to it."

Airport Public Safety, EMS, and dozens of other departments assisted in the drill. The victims were all volunteers.



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