

# **OPERATION “THAT’S GOTTA HURT”**

## **2011**

**A Table Top Exercise – Mass Casualty Incident**

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **For Immediate Release:**

**The Yakima Air Terminal, along with the City of Yakima, and the Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management will host an advanced Table Top Exercise September 14, 2011 from 0900 to 1500 hrs. The exercise will take place at the City of Yakima Fire Station 95 on East Nob Hill Blvd.**

**This is a Command and Control exercise, including communications, of a simulated crash of a commercial aircraft on the airport property. The exercise will present a challenging problem for emergency responders to work in a no fault environment to identify things that work well and those that need improvement.**

**The exercise plan includes the use of three training rooms at the fire station. One will simulate the Crash Site. Those who would respond to the crash site primarily Fire and EMS would participate there. Another room would simulate the Incident Command Post where the management of the event would take place. The third will be an area to house the Yakima Airways Ticket Counter, Airport Management, Family Support Center, the Operational Area EOC and other necessary functions.**

**Those responding are asked to bring their normal response equipment such as ICS forms, Passport systems, and communications equipment. We will be utilizing normal communications equipment for this exercise. There will be limited movement from room to room. Cell Phones can be used keeping in mind in the real event they may not be available or of limited use.**

**The exercise will utilize a time inject system to bring responders to the crash site as if they were responding to a real event. In other words, the initial responders will come to the crash site just after the airplane crashes. Others will arrive minutes later representing their response times. Responders will utilize a Map Table with an 8’X8’ map of the airport and model airplanes, cars, and trucks to simulate their actions on the airport.**

**Media may contact Lee Rimmel or Jim Hall at the site for comment and or access to the areas.**

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