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## **REGINA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MOCK DISASTER EXERCISE – SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**

Regina International Airport (YQR) will be holding a full scale mock disaster response exercise called "NOFLAPS" on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 commencing at 10:00 am and continuing until approximately 1:00 pm. Regina Airport Authority (RAA) is mandated by Transport Canada to conduct a full scale exercise every 3 years in order to meet its requirements under the Canadian Aviation Regulations. A simulated airplane crash will assist RAA to confirm and ensure that its Emergency Response Plan meets the overall requirements and remains current and effective.

Under the Emergency Response Plan, Regina Airport Authority works with the following mutual aid agencies:

- Regina Fire and Protective Services
- Regina Police Service (RPS)
- Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region Emergency Medical Services (RQHR EMS)
- RCMP

RAA and these agencies provide the front line response to all emergencies at Regina International Airport. This exercise will provide an opportunity for RAA Fire Department and RAA Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) to coordinate and support airport operations and emergency response.

This is a full scale (field) exercise where RAA in cooperation with the airport community, community participants and the Regina area emergency services respond to a simulated plane crash. The aim of the exercise is to produce, as realistically as possible, an emergency scene that will enable RAA and the Regina emergency services agencies to practice their standard operating guidelines, emergency response plan, event coordination, incident command and communication.

The Mock Disaster Response Exercise "NOFLAPS" will begin at 10:00 am and continue until approximately 1:00 pm on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. The exercise will proceed regardless of the weather conditions that day and will not impact flight operations (arrivals and departures) at YQR during this time.

RAA invites interested media personnel to meet outside the Regina Airport Authority administration office at 9:30 am for a quick briefing on the exercise.

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ABOUT YQR | Regina International Airport (YQR) is operated by Regina Airport Authority Inc., a federally registered, not-for-profit corporation, with a 60year lease to operate YQR on behalf of the community and stakeholders. YQR provides convenient global access through our air carrier partners within Canada, the United States and International Sun Destinations. For more details on YQR, where we fly and real time flight information visit YQR.CA.