

Santo Domingo Live

Dominican Airport XXI Century performs emergency drill



Las Americas International Airport-JFPG

BREAKING NEWS: Santo Domingo. - Dominican Airport XXI Century (Aerodom) conducted an emergency drill in the International Airport Las Americas-JFPG (AILA), in order to measure capacity and response times of both internal staff and external institutions in case of the occurrence of a real emergency.

The drill was held on Wednesday May 19th from 9 to 11:30 AM in strict compliance with the rules of the **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)** and the **Dominican Civil Aviation Institute (IDAC)**.

The welcoming ceremony of the exercise was attended by *Director General of Aerodom, Andrew O'Brien*, the *Director of the AILA, Raul Berroeta*, the *Director of Aviation Safety Specialist Corps (CESA), Brigadier General Pilot FAD (DEM) Pedro R. Valenzuela Quiroz*, and the *President-Executive Director, and Manager for the Dominican Republic of CSI International, Anthony Piegaro*.

The **Dominican airline Pawa** provided the DC 9 aircraft used during the exercise, while **Copa Airlines** participated as a guest airline in the form of **Air Kaleta**.

The *Director of Public Relations and Communications Aerodom, Yolanda Mañan*, said the company has the necessary equipment to respond quickly at any of the six airports it operates.

Mañan, said the drill was announced in advance in order to avoid causing alarm among the general population, and that the air and ground ambulances that were used were supplied by **Aero-Ambulance**, a company operated by Helidosa.

For the realization of the exercise, the **Main Command Post (PMA)**, the room unharmed, relatives and Media, were activated which would be enabled in the event of an actual emergency.

Joining in the exercise along with Aerodom were, the **Dominican Civil Aviation Institute (IDAC)**, the **Special Body on Airport Security (CESA)**, the **Emergency Operations Center (COE) Santo Domingo**, the **Dominican Red Cross**, **Civil Defense Fire Corps**, **Dominican Air Force**, **National Police**, **Tourist Police (POLITUR)** and the **Metropolitan Transport Authority (AMET)**.

In addition, the **Airport Department**, the **Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare**, the **Dominican Social Security Institute (IDSS)**, **Aero Ambulance**, the various airlines operating in the AILA, **Airport Services Division (DSA)** and **Menzies Aviation Group**, among other institutions.

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