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BGR Full Scale Disaster Drill Scheduled for Tuesday, May 16

May 15, 2017 – Bangor, Maine – On Tuesday, May 16 local residents and persons visiting Bangor International Airport should be aware that the Airport will be conducting an Emergency Planning Exercise (EPLEX) to prepare for an actual emergency at the airport. The Federal Aviation Administration requires airports to conduct a “full scale” disaster exercise every three years.

The BGR Fire and Rescue Department, Airport Operations, other Airport and City of Bangor divisions along with representatives from supporting local, state and federal agencies, the American Red Cross, other area first responders and fire departments, and local medical facilities will take part in the exercise.

The exercise will consist of an emergency scenario presented to the local fire, rescue, medical, law enforcement, military, and airport communities. With pretend mass casualties, the scenario will unfold at all levels involving many emergency vehicles responding to the Airport.

Airport Director Tony Caruso commented, “We want to assure the public that activities they may see on Tuesday morning are part of our drill and that they need not be concerned. We expect that the exercise, which will provide excellent training for everyone involved, will be over around noon time.”

Citizens and airport visitors should expect to see emergency vehicles and other official traffic engaged in the practice exercise. Controlled fire and smoke may be visible to local residents and motorists. Residents living near the Airport should not be alarmed by this activity. Local, state and federal agencies will make every effort to keep any inconvenience to the public at a minimum.

Bangor International Airport is a full-service regional airport offering non-stop, affordable flights to New York’s JFK and LaGuardia, Orlando/Sanford, Philadelphia, Tampa/St.Petersburg, Washington DC and seasonally Charlotte, Chicago and Newark. BGR is the leading airport for trans-Atlantic tech stops. The Airport is a City of Bangor enterprise fund entity which receives no support from Bangor property tax dollars; instead is supported solely through Airport generated revenue.

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