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NEWS RELEASE

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Local Agencies Schedule Disaster Drill for Thursday at NICC Peosta Campus

DUBUQUE, IA – A number of local agencies will participate in a disaster drill on the NICC campus on Thursday evening, April 29.

The Dubuque County Emergency Management Agency, in cooperation with the Dubuque Regional Airport, Dubuque Fire Department, Dubuque City and County Law Enforcement, The Finley Hospital, Mercy Medical Center, the American Red Cross, Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) at Peosta, and Dubuque County EMS Association, will conduct the drill.

The drill will simulate an aircraft crash and will include emergency responders reacting to the simulated incident. There will be smoke, ambulances, fire trucks and other emergency vehicles on site.

The Federal Aviation Administration requires all FAR Part 139 Airports to exercise their emergency plan by administering a full-scale exercise once every three years. This drill will fulfill that requirement.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: *Members of the media interested in covering this event are required to contact Dubuque Public Information Officer Randy Gehl prior to the drill at 563.589.4151 (office), 563.599.2448 (cell), or rgehl@cityofdubuque.org. Optimum viewing time is estimated between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.*