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Pitt-Greenville Airport Postpones Emergency Disaster Drill

Multi-agency preparedness exercise to be held Saturday, April 12

PITT COUNTY, N.C. –The Pitt-Greenville Airport **has postponed** its FAA-mandated, full-scale emergency exercise **previously scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2025.**

Airport officials have set a new date for Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

“We apologize for any inconvenience to first responders and volunteers,” says Bill Hopper, executive director, Pitt-Greenville Airport. “Volunteers are asked to contact Kelly Ingram at kelly.ingram@pittcountync.gov or 252-902-2046 regarding availability on April 12.”

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires airports that serve scheduled airlines to conduct a full-scale, mass-casualty exercise involving an aircraft accident every three years. PGV has been preparing with Greenville Fire/Rescue, Greenville Police Department, Pitt County’s Emergency Management, Public Information Office and Sheriff’s Office, ECU Health, Winterville Fire-Rescue-EMS and other fire departments and Emergency Medical Services in the area. ECU will provide a bus that will simulate an aircraft fuselage.

Emergency responders will participate in simulated scenarios that involve a plane crash. Volunteers will act as injured passengers and receive treatment on scene, so the public should not be alarmed by ambulance activity. The drill will be conducted when no airline activity is scheduled.

Media Advisory:

All media are invited to attend on April 12. PGV executive director Bill Hopper and other response staff will be available as early as 11:00 a.m. for on-location live shots, and 11:30 a.m. for recorded interviews. Members of the media interested in attending the exercise should park in front of the General Aviation Building. Personnel will be onsite to provide escort to the staging area.

The media contact for this event is Dawn Jones, Director, Public Information & Media Relations (252) 270-8035.

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