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YEAGER AIRPORT HOLDS FULL-SCALE TRIENNIAL EXERCISE

On Monday morning, Yeager Airport (CRW), along with several local emergency first responders and student volunteers, took part in our annual full-scale triennial exercise. The exercise will test Yeager Airport's reaction time and readiness to respond to an aircraft incident on the airfield.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires the unrehearsed exercise to be conducted by Yeager Airport at least once every three years. Airport officials will use information gathered during the training to help further refine emergency response plans at CRW.

"The airport is always planning for emergency responses to keep passengers and customers safe. By practicing our skills with local first responders, we can ensure we are always ready should an aircraft emergency ever occur," said Airport Director Nick Keller.

The scenario included an emergency landing on a compact snow-covered runway. Once the aircraft landed, the nose gear collapsed, forcing the plane to slide off the runway. The plane eventually comes to rest in a valley below the Carpenter Slip.

Yeager is grateful for the responding agencies who helped with the drill, including 130th ANG Fire Department, Charleston Fire Department, Kanawha County Ambulance, Kanawha County Emergency Management, Charleston Police Department, Kanawha County Emergency Management, and Kanawha County Sheriff's Department.