



**PortAugusta**

CITY COUNCIL

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Port Augusta Airport – Mock Emergency Exercise**

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Port Augusta Airport ground staff and local emergency services will be taking part in a mock emergency exercise at the Port Augusta Airport on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

The mock exercise will allow local emergency units to respond to a commercial aircraft incident and focus on an emergency. The mock exercise will also give response agencies an opportunity to test their emergency procedures, training and communication tools.

Port Augusta City Council will host and participate in the training alongside representatives from South Australia Police (SAPOL); South Australian Ambulance Service (SAAS); South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (SAMFS); South Australian Country Fire Service (SACFS); State Emergency Service (SES); the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS); Port Augusta Hospital and Regional Health Service; and Qantas Airline.

Approximately 40 people will take part in the exercise and a full report of the outcomes will be passed on to CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority) as part of its requirements that emergency plans are tested. Council will also conduct a full review of the Airport Emergency Management Plan based on the outcomes.

The exercise will not interfere with normal airport operations and the public need not be alarmed if they see an increased number of emergency vehicles at the Port Augusta Airport.

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*Journalists are invited to take part in the mock exercise at 11am. For further information please contact Port Augusta City Council Media and Communications Officer, on 8641 9100.*

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