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Birmingham Airport Authority to Conduct Full-Scale Emergency Preparedness Drill

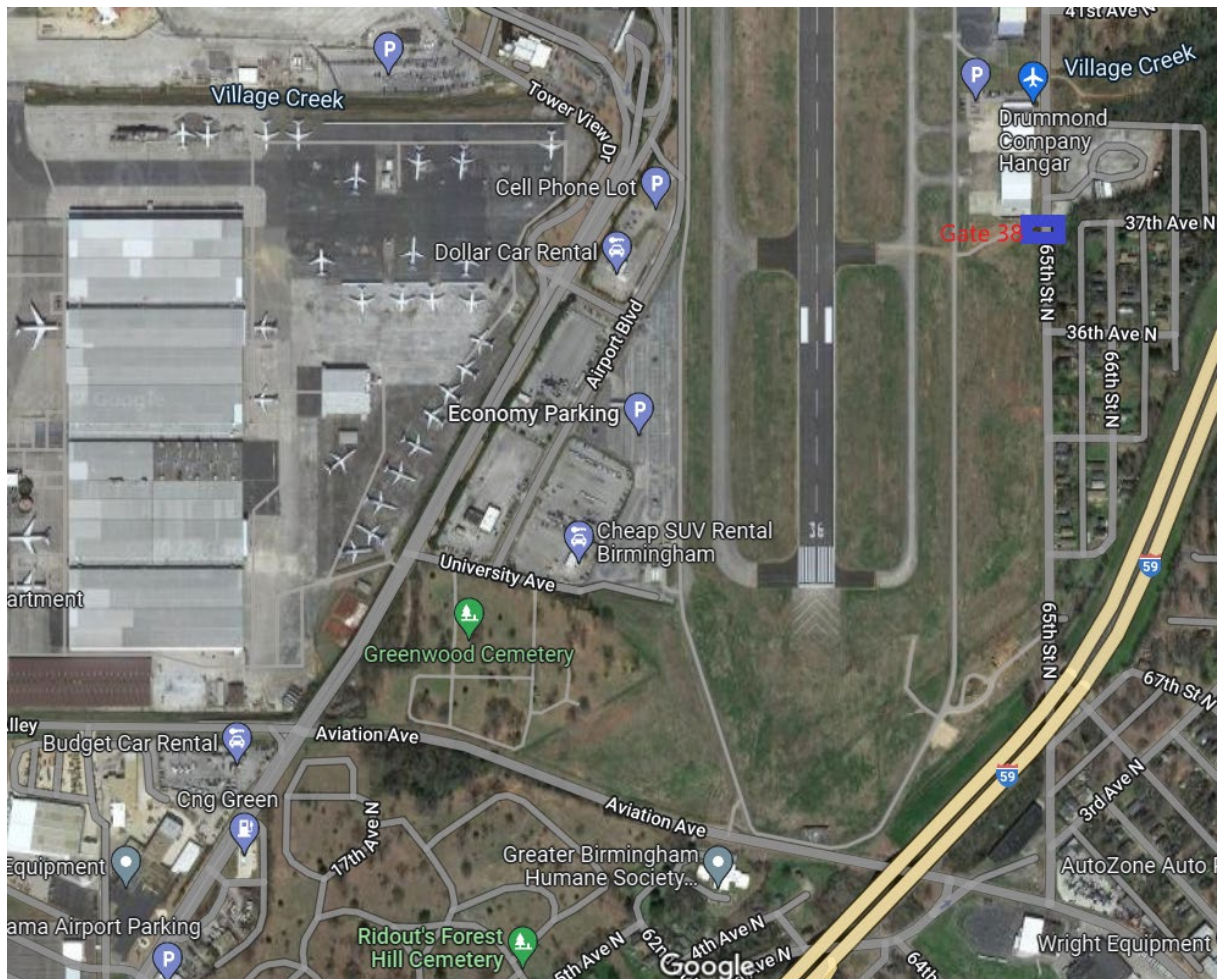
BIRMINGHAM, AL (May 7, 2025) – The Birmingham Airport Authority will conduct a full-scale disaster drill on Thursday, May 8, 2025. The drill will start at 10:30am.

The drill is referred to as the Triennial because it's mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that airports practice this level of readiness and coordination at least once every 3 years. The goal is to create a realistic simulation of an aircraft incident that involves mass casualties and a significant emergency response. This helps test readiness and decision-making capabilities for all involved.

In the event of an actual emergency, the Airport Authority will rely on many emergency service providers and law enforcement agencies. These partners are invited to participate in the drill. The Triennial will involve a *live fire situation* on the airfield that will help to make it as real as possible with Aircraft Rescue Firefighters on scene doing fire suppression. There will also be approximately 100 volunteers posing as injured passengers so that emergency crews can practice the different elements of response including triage, transporting of the wounded, and identifying and tracking victims. UAB Hospital will be accepting patients as part of the drill. Media will not have access to the hospital during the drill, however, the UAB public relations team will provide b-roll later in day after the event concludes. Please contact Alicia Rohan, arohan@uab.edu for additional information.

Members of the media who would like to attend the drill at the airport can contact Kim Hunt at Khunt@flybhm.com. Members of the media are asked to arrive by 10:00am and report to **Gate 38, which is shown (in red) in the aerial map below**. Gate security will show you where to park

when you approach Gate 38 from 65th St. N. This location will provide an ideal spot to see the drill unfold.



About Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

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