Last year King County International Airport/Boeing Field (KBFI) began a series of emergency response drills to test our emergency plans and provide training for Airport staff and mutual aid first responders. These exercises will continue this year as part of a three year plan.

From September 22, 2014 to September 26, 2014, inclusive, KBFI will be conducting emergency exercises that will include firefighting and a mass casualty component. In order to maximize training opportunities, these drills will be conducted twice daily at 9:00am and 1:30pm.

The purpose of these drills is to exercise the Airport’s response to an aircraft incident. Last year over 700 first responders from South King County participated. By conducting these drills consecutively for three years, Airport first responders, as well as those participating from neighboring mutual aid agencies are able to build upon skills practiced the previous year and solidify changes in the Airport Emergency Plan. (As dictated by the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).)

Local fire departments, along with first responders and emergency communications personnel, will meet at the south end of the airport to complete a series of exercises designed to test and improve the communication and response structure between our internal and external agencies. Agencies participating include King County Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighters, KBFI Operations, the Boeing Company’s Fire Department, Seattle Fire, Tukwila Fire, Kent Fire, Sea-Tac Fire, Maple Valley Fire, Valley Communications Center, and Medic One.

You can expect to see realistic activity during these two hour training sessions, including actors portraying injured passengers, ‘damaged’ aircraft fuselages, response vehicles, and other props. It is KBFI’s goal to have an accident-free, safe environment, but also to be well prepared for the unexpected incidents that may occur.
Fuel Spill Prevention and Response

To remain pro-active in the airport’s Fuel Spill Prevention and Response, the Airport’s Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighters have put together some tips:

- **Monitor temperature changes.** Ensure tanks are not filled in the morning only to vent/spill in the afternoon when temperatures rise.
- **Follow company/airport fueling policies/procedures.** Keep training and truck maintenance up to date. Drive safely. Report spills quickly to supervisors and ARFF. Policies and procedures help reduce fueling accidents and their impact on the environment. Use them.
- **Keep vigilant.** Fueling can become monotonous. A small error or faulty equipment can cause a large spill if mixed with inattention.
- **Communicate with the customer.** Make sure you have an idea of how much fuel is required. “Topping Off” is not enough information and may cause over fueling and spillage if done incorrectly or if equipment fails. Fuel to near-full and have the customer check their gauges and tank valves if equipped to confirm fuel level.

These reminders are the first step in a multi-phase plan to reduce the number of fuel spills which occur at King County International Airport. Additional information and training will be shared with all tenants in the coming months.

Security Reminder: Badging

Remember to check the expiration date on your badge, and DO NOT LET IT EXPIRE! The hours for the airport’s badge office are:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-11:00am and
- Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00pm.

Airport Operations will accommodate a badging request outside of those hours by request. Call: (206) 296-7458.

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e-badging through the airport’s website!!