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**DFW AIRPORT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION DRILL**

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**FIRST MAJOR AIRPORT IN U.S. TO CONDUCT
EXERCISE LEARNS VALUABLE LESSONS IN
"SURPRISE ATTACKS"**

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (June 28, 2002) — More than 250 DFW Airport police, firefighters and paramedics working with state and federal disaster planners successfully wrapped up a three-day drill on Thursday that involved multiple simulated terrorist attacks and mass casualty evacuations.

DFW, the first major U.S. airport to conduct the weapons of mass destruction drill, was surprised with simulations of heavy blows to aircraft, air terminals, and other Airport facilities. During the exercise, DFW personnel faced actual emergencies including a computer virus, a major accident and a tanker truck explosion south of the Airport.

"The object of the exercise was to force the Airport to change its paradigm, get out of a comfort zone, and deal with a series of catastrophic events that are not accidents, but have been purposely planned," says Jeff Fegan, CEO of DFW. "Based on our performance, our evaluators said they were reassured and felt even more comfortable flying through DFW. What the Airport learned this week will benefit all of our passengers and the community at large."

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As a result of Texas Governor Rick Perry's authorization of funding for disaster drills for a number of possible terrorist targets in Texas, this drill was organized by the Office of the Governor and the Texas Engineering Extension Service. DFW volunteered for the opportunity to conduct the exercise as part of its federally mandated "LifeSaver" drill conducted every three years. Thirty-eight separate state and federal entities took part, including representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and the Texas Department of Public Safety's Office of Emergency Management.

The first phase of the drill began in the pre-dawn hours on Tuesday with a simulated collision between two aircraft. State emergency instructors then began injecting rapid-fire catastrophic scenarios that had been kept secret from Airport personnel. DFW authorities found out the fires and fatalities from the initial aircraft collision were not an accident, but the first of five separate terrorist-related events targeting the Airport in a span of less than four hours on the day before Thanksgiving 2002.



Next, an explosive-loaded vehicle slammed through a fence and rammed into an aircraft, exploding and spreading damage to four other planes; an explosion leveled a DFW terminal; and another blast struck a water storage facility. Police then stopped a suspicious driver of a fuel truck, who turned out to be a terrorist hauling a load of explosives - and who ultimately confessed to the events of the disaster. Drill instructors said DFW foiled part of the "plot" by proactively stopping the truck.

As part of the drill, DFW quickly requested a disaster declaration from county and state officials, who in turn received a national declaration from the White House. Drill instructors stressed that a quick call for outside assistance is the key to quick rescue and recovery efforts. DFW acted to declare a disaster less than one hour after the pseudo attacks began.



"I would say a big pitfall is being slow to recognize the threat, the dangers, the magnitude, slow to circle the wagons and call for help," said Doug Rape, who orchestrated the exercise for the state. "A weapons of mass destruction event cannot be managed with the local assets, you've got to go out and get state and federal assets to manage the events."

In all, nearly 500 separate actions were role-played within seven hours on the "play clock," including mass rescues and evacuations of the Airport, closing the national air space, sampling the air for contamination, and assisting victims and their families. DFW's mutual aid responders from nearby communities also played a key role.

"This new experience in disaster management honed our skills to respond and communicate in a proactive way to protect the Airport, its passengers and its employees while working quickly to recover from an attack," said Jim Crites, executive vice president of operations at DFW. "We hope what we learned will never have to be used, but the knowledge gained is invaluable as we continue to work as team with government to make our aviation and airline industries as safe as possible."



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DFW and the TSA are keeping other details of the drill confidential. "Sharing our response plan is like the Dallas Cowboys giving away their playbook, and we're not going to give the bad guys any more ideas," said Crites.

To access and download a photo of DFW Airport's emergency operations center during this week's weapons of mass destruction drill, go to the link below:

<http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20020627/DFWCENTER>

For more information regarding emergency response planning or awareness of terrorist activities, visit the Division of Emergency Management's web site at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, serving 55 million passengers a year. Offering nearly 2,000 flights daily, DFW International Airport provides non-stop service to 129 domestic and 30 international destinations worldwide. For the latest news, real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at DFW International Airport, log on to www.dfwairport.com

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