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Gary / Chicago International Airport Seeks Volunteers for Full-Scale Emergency Preparedness Exercise – June 13th

Exercise Equips Airport and Area First Responders in Event of Aviation Related Emergency

(Gary, IN – June 4th, 2026) – The [Gary / Chicago International Airport \(GCIAG\)](#) invites community members to participate in its **upcoming triennial full-scale emergency preparedness exercise on Saturday, June 13, 2026.**

Held every three years, this federally mandated exercise brings together airport personnel, fire and rescue teams, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and regional partners to test coordinated response capabilities during a simulated aviation emergency. Community volunteers play a critical role in making the exercise realistic and effective. **The simulated exercise will begin at 9:15 am, with volunteers to arrive at 7:30 am for appropriate preparation prior to the simulation.**

Interested participants are encouraged to register here: <https://www.flyggy.com/volunteer/>

Participants will serve in a variety of roles, including simulated passengers or injured victims; family members; or bystanders witnessing this mock emergency scenario. Their involvement is critical, and participation helps in the following ways:

- Support local first responders and public safety agencies
- Help improve emergency response coordination
- Better equip individual first responders with simulated, on-the-ground training
- Contribute to the safety of the region

The exercise is conducted in a **safe, controlled environment**, with no real danger to participants. **No prior training is required, and all participants will receive instructions on site.**

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About Gary/Chicago International Airport

Located minutes from the shores of Lake Michigan and just 25 miles from downtown Chicago, Gary/Chicago International Airport (GYY) is a full-service airport and a premiere destination for corporate and weekend flyers in the Chicago metropolitan region and Northwest Indiana. To learn more, visit the airport's new website at FlyGYY.com.