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MBJ Airports Limited to Conduct Full-Scale Emergency Exercise at Sangster International Airport

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MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ), operator of Sangster International Airport (SIA), will conduct a comprehensive emergency response exercise on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The exercise, dubbed "Operation Nighthawk", will simulate a terminal incident to test and enhance the airport's emergency preparedness capabilities.

The biennial exercise, mandated by the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority and International Civil Aviation Organization, will involve the simulation of a terminal incident and will require coordinated responses from MBJ's Emergency Response Services, and mutual aid support partners, including the Jamaica Fire Brigade, Jamaica Constabulary Force, Jamaica Defence Force, and the Ministry of Health among others.

"The safety and security of our passengers, staff, and stakeholders remain our top priority," said Shane Munroe, CEO of MBJ Airports Limited. "Operation Nighthawk allows us to test and refine our emergency response protocols while strengthening the collaboration with our emergency response partners. This ensures we maintain the highest standards of safety and emergency preparedness at Sangster International Airport."

The exercise will feature volunteers acting as participants in the simulated scenario, enabling first responders to practice essential emergency procedures, including establishing security cordons, controlling access, and conducting triage and evacuation procedures.

As part of this emergency exercise, there will be an increased presence of emergency response vehicles in and around the airport premises. MBJ assures the public that any emergency response activities observed during the estimated designated time frame are part of the planned exercise. Airport users and the surrounding community are encouraged to remain calm and continue their normal activities while the drill is in progress.

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About Sangster International Airport:

Sangster International Airport (IATA: MBJ, ICAO: MKJS) is an international Airport located 3 mi (4.8 km) east of Montego Bay, Jamaica. The Airport is capable of handling nine million passengers per year. It serves as the most popular Airport for tourists visiting the north coast of Jamaica. The Airport is named after former Jamaican Prime Minister Sir Donald Sangster.

About MBJ Airports:

MBJ Airports Limited, the operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record 5.267m passengers used the Airport in 2023. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and the Airport provides employment to more than 7,500 persons. SIA has been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for 16 years.



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