

OPERATIONS ALERT

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Subject: **Aerodrome Emergency Planning Exercise**

Area of Concern: **TOWNSVILLE AIRPORT AND RAAF BASE TOWNSVILLE**

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Exercise Ballistic Blaze

Townsville Airport Pty Ltd (TAPL) and RAAF Base Townsville will be holding an Emergency exercise – 'Exercise Ballistic Blaze' from 27th to 29th May 2014.

The objective of Exercise Ballistic Blaze is to practice the implementation of the TAPL and RAAF Base Townsville Aerodrome Emergency Plan and TAPL Transport Security Program.

The Exercise will also enable responding emergency agencies to practice their response times, communication channels and internal procedures.

THIS IS AN EXERCISE! Please ensure your staff are aware that none of the events occurring throughout it will be real.

The field component of the Exercise will be conducted at the RAAF Base Townsville on Wednesday 28th of May between 0830 and 1200hrs. Operations at TAPL will continue as normal as Exercise activities will be notional.

The outline of the Exercise is as follows:

1. Simulated fire at the Defence Fuel Installation resulting in several casualties.
(A response will be provided by One Expeditionary Health Service, The Townsville Hospital, Queensland Ambulance Service, Queensland Fire & Rescue Service & Aviation Rescue & Firefighting Service).
During this stage a notional Level 5 Checked Baggage Screening incident will be reported by TAPL to Queensland Police Service.
2. Shortly after, a simulation of armed intruders entering RAAF Base Townsville via the main gate will occur. The armed intruders will proceed to the military hardstand where a simulated shooting and siege situation will occur.
(Queensland Police Service will attend and commence negotiations and may be followed up by a Special Emergency Response Team).

Please note:

- You may notice increased emergency services vehicles on the Base,
- You may also see some activity with simulated casualties, intruders and hostages.

In the event of a real emergency please follow normal emergency protocol.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter, please call the TAPL Security Contact Officer on 0417 723 692 or email jbrix@tsairport.com.au