

OPERATIONS ALERT

Number: 013/2014

Date: 18 August 2014

Subject: **Aerodrome Emergency Planning Exercise**

Area of Concern: **Townsville Airport and RAAF Base Townsville**

*** FOR INFORMATION ONLY ***

Exercise Taipan

Townsville Airport Pty Ltd (TAPL) and RAAF Base Townsville will be holding an Emergency Exercise – 'Exercise Taipan' from 23rd to 25th September 2014.

The objective of Exercise Taipan is to test the validity of the TAPL and RAAF Base Townsville Aerodrome Emergency Plan (AEP).

The Exercise will also enable responding emergency agencies to practice the establishment and operations of the Passenger Reception, Relative Reception and Reunion Areas as well as Media Liaison.

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

Date: Wednesday 24th September

Venue: RAAF Base Townsville 'key hole' and TAPL International Terminal

Time: 0900 and 1300hrs.

Scenario: A Fokker 100 with 4 crew and 97 passengers is readying for take-off at the end of Runway 01. A MRH90 (helicopter) taking troops to High Range, is leaving from 5 Aviation Regiment. A tail rotor drive shaft failure occurs and the MRH90 crashes next to the Fokker 100 aircraft causing damage to the aircraft and multiple casualties. A substance is visibly leaking from the MRH90 and the troops are carrying ammunition.

Operations at TAPL will continue as normal.

Please note you may notice:

- Increased emergency service vehicles on the Aerodrome,
- Some activity with simulated casualties and actors performing as upset passengers, friends and relatives.

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 Acting General Manager Aviation on **0417 723 692** or email jbrix@tsvairport.com.au