

SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF THE EMERGENCY EXERCISE AT PIARCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Authority”) collaborated with several emergency response agencies and aviation stakeholders to stage a Full Scale Emergency Exercise at the Piarco International Airport on Friday November 29 th 2024. Chairman of the Authority, Mr. Christopher Alcazar, expressed his gratitude to all organisations that partnered with the Authority to ensure the successful execution of the Drill.

He stated,

“I believe that this is a wonderful example of collaboration among multiple state entities. The commitment and teamwork demonstrated by all involved, highlight our shared dedication to ensuring the safety and security of our airports. The joint effort to simulate a coordinated response to an aviation incident, is in itself a great feat, not only for the airport, but also for the country. It demonstrates that we can all integrate and work together in taking proactive approaches towards national development”.

The Emergency Exercise is conducted every two years and ensures compliance with the standards and recommended practices of the International Civil Aviation

Organisation (ICAO), and regulations as promulgated by the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority, for renewal of aerodrome certification. The activity tests emergency response capabilities and evaluates preparedness of the Authority and all stakeholders to respond adequately to an accident at the nation’s airports.



The learnings and gaps identified, will inform updates and improvements to emergency response protocols and procedures. The successful staging of the Drill ensures increased confidence in the airport's capacity to respond to emergencies.

Participating agencies included the Ministry of Works and Transport, the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority, the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service, the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, the Ministry of Health, the Global Medical Response of Trinidad and Tobago (GMRTT), the Air Guard, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management, the Immigration Division, the Customs and Excise Division, Caribbean Airlines and all other airlines operating out of POS, the Tunapuna / Piarco Regional Corporation and other stakeholders.

The Authority wishes to thank the general public for their support and cooperation during the Emergency Exercise. The Authority remains committed to providing the highest standards of safe and secure aviation services for the benefit of all travellers and airport users.

