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## **Gary / Chicago International Airport Conducts Emergency Plan Training Exercise**

*Effort Bolsters Airport Emergency Plan in Event of Major Incident*

**(Gary, IN – June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024)** – On Thursday, June 26th the [Gary / Chicago International Airport \(GCIA\)](#) hosted over 30 federal, state and local public safety and corporate stakeholders for an annual emergency preparedness review session, known as a “table top” exercise. The purpose of this effort is to bolster the Airport Emergency Plan (AEP) that will be initiated in the event of a major incident, and is a requirement of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for certificated airports that are eligible to receive scheduled airline service.

The goal of the exercise is to ensure strong communication and coordination among multiple organizations with differing jurisdictions and roles to ensure strong procedures are in place should a major safety incident occur at GCIA. These efforts are used by GCIA to create general situational awareness, confirm the correct procedures are in place and rehearse the responses that would be required should incidents require. They serve a vital role in assessing the types of systems needed to guide the prevention of, protection from and response and recovery from a defined incident.

This is an annual event, additionally every third year requires an actual full-scale exercise to be performed to test the airport’s readiness in the case of an actual event. GCIA last completed a full scale exercise in 2023 and will hold the next one in 2026.

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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](http://FlyGYY.com).*