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Live Fire Training for Firefighters at Lakeland Linder International Airport

Lakeland, FL – The Lakeland Fire Department will be hosting and performing live fire training at Lakeland Linder International Airport (LAL) starting Monday, January 7 through Saturday, January 12, 2019.

Testing and training will take place during the day, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. The training will take place on the east side of the airport, near the LAL maintenance building(s).

This release is to advise the public that there is no cause for alarm if they see fire or smoke near the training site. Set up for the training will take place Sunday, January 6 and flames may be seen as crews test equipment. Signage will be set up on nearby roads to warn drivers of ongoing training.

The live fire training is performed annually to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Code of Federal Regulations for the department's Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) division. The live fire training will simulate various emergency situations involving fuel spill situations and potential emergencies that could happen in the presence of aircraft.

The training site will not be open to the public for security and safety reasons however, members of the media are welcome to contact Janel Vasallo to arrange a time to visit if wanting to cover the event for media purposes.

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