



# LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Media Release**

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## Live Fire Training for Firefighters at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport

Lakeland, FL – The Lakeland Fire Department will be hosting and performing live fire training at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (LAL) starting Monday, January 9 through Saturday, January 14, 2017. Set up of the training equipment and testing of the systems will take place Sunday, January 8, 2017. Testing and training will take place throughout the day at random times.

The training will take place on Taxiway K. The nearest gate to the training location is Gate 1 off of Airport Road.

This release is to advise the public that there is no cause for alarm if they see fire or smoke near the training site. There will be signage on surrounding roads indicating that there is “Training in Progress” to advise motorists and area residents.

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 aircrafts.

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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