

Questionnaire „interval of full-scale emergency exercises“

Summary



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Are you doing full-scale exercises every two years?

- 6 - yes
- 1 - no
- 1 - no, instead 3 partial exercises
- 1 - yes / but tries to do it each year

If not, in which interval?

- 1 - “real” full-scale exercises are waste of time and we learn nothing
- 7 - every two years
- 1 - every 4 years

Which partner organizations are participating?

- Airport Fire Brigade
- Municipal Fire Brigade
- Local medical service
- Police
- Airport resources
- Paramedic
- Hospital
- Army
- Customs
- Security
- Airline
- Apron control
- ATC
- Ground handler

Which scenarios are chosen?

- Plane crashes inside and outside the airport
- Accident in the 1000m zone
- Fire on standing ground
- Bomb threat
- Incidents in terminal
- Crash between aircraft and building / bus
- Hijacking / security
- HazMat
- Pandemic

Could a “security exercise” be counted?

- 8 - yes
- 1 - no

Remarks to full-scale exercises every two years?

- For every full-scale exercise it will be a report
- Full-scale exercise has been degenerating into show
- No more surprise effect, more and more spectators
- Learning effects hardly come to light, practice area getting smaller, problem with environmental restrictions
- We follow the ICAO's alternative b) which allows the option of a 3-year interval

Are you doing partial exercises in the intervening year?

- 7 - yes
- 2 - yes, response time are counted

Which scenarios are chosen?

Same like full-scale exercise but smaller

- Plane crashes inside and outside the airport
- Accident in the 1000m zone
- Fire on standing ground
- Bomb threat
- Incidents in terminal
- Crash between aircraft and building / bus
- Hijacking / security
- HazMat
- Pandemic
- Loss of infrastructure
- Emergency alarm

How often are you doing table top exercises?

- Every year
- Not said or decided clearly
- 2-4 per year
- Every two years
- Full-scale and partial include portions of tabletop activities
- E-learning training as a complement to tabletop – varies from airport to airport

Which scenarios are chosen?

Same like full-scale exercise

- Terror attac
- Cyber attac
- Lost of power supply
- Infectious disease



Final remarks

Copenhagen Airport

- I have been participating and planning 6 full-scale exercises and the results (Lessons learned) has been almost nothing. A lot of resources and time have been used and the benefits have been minimal.
- *Therefore, I would recommend partial exercises for the future. We are already doing it this way, and the results are convincing*

Final remarks

Pargue Airport

- Real outputs from smaller airports (cat 4-7) is definitely uncoordinated with reality. There are organizing exercises with lot of components but without drill and knowledge of tactical level (PR for TV and airport operator).
- *After components are trained (with report), airport operator can organize functional large scale exercise with target to VERIFY components at once.*

Final remarks

Finavia

- *Full-scale exercises should be every 3 years, partial next year and table top in third year as preparing exercise*

Final remarks

Frankfurt Airport

- *Full-scale exercise every 4 years due to the factor of costs, organization reasons, small benefit from exercise, etc.*

Final remarks

FOCA

- *To do emergency exercises every four years due to the factor of cost, organization and result*

Final remarks

Geneva Airport

- *A series of modular tests commencing in the first year and concluding in a full-scale aerodrome emergency exercise at intervals not exceeding four years;*
- Periodic reviews thereafter, or after an actual emergency, so as to correct any deficiency found during such exercises or actual emergency
- Table-top and partial exercises are clearly more formative for the involved staff
- A four-year periodicity for the planning of full-scale exercise gives the opportunity to organize far more realistic exercises with many stakeholders

Final remarks

Budapest Airport

- I think it will be more effective if we can practice more tabletop exercise with other services. But the full-scale exercises are important too. We are in special situation. I know it is expensive but when we do the full-scale exercise too rarely the services cannot work each other properly.
- *So when we tell the EASA it has small benefit, we have to give other options*

Final remarks

Stockholm Airport

- *An interval of 3-4 years is more realistic in order to plan, implement, assess and make adjustments in response to shortcomings identified in conjunction with the exercise carried out.*
- Exercises carried out in the interval 3-4 years above should be focused on the airport fire & rescue service in order to comply with current regulations.

Final remarks

CAA Austria

- From CAA AT's point of view it is clearly stated that a full scale exercise does not mean to have hundreds of boots on the ground, but to test the AEP, which can also be conducted by less boots on the ground.
- *Nevertheless CAA AT would like to mention that AT's aerodromes fulfil the exercises as requested by the Regulation (EU) 139/2014.*

What are we doing?

- Doing nothing?
- Asking more airports in Europe to fill it out the questionnaire?
- Asking CAA's?
- To write a letter from our commission to EASA?

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