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SOUTH METRO WATER RESCUE WORKGROUP TO HOLD SPRING EXERCISE

A number of south metro agencies will be taking part in a simulated water rescue exercise in Burnsville on Wednesday, May 21 between 10 a.m. and noon.

The exercise will simulate a commercial plane crash in the Minnesota River. Rescue crews will be dispatched to the area, where they will need to locate the aircraft, establish incident command and work with multiple agencies to conduct search and rescue on water and land.

The South Metro Water Rescue Workgroup provides a learning environment for multi-jurisdictional, multi-discipline agencies along the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers in the Twin Cities. The workgroup is comprised of approximately 18 agencies that include fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, private sector business, and the United States Coast Guard.

Responders will be participating from the Airport, Bloomington, Burnsville, Eagan, Inver Grove Heights, South Metro, St. Paul and Eden Prairie Fire Departments; Hennepin County Sheriff's Office – Water Patrol; Dakota County Communications Center; Dakota County Sheriff's Office – Water Patrol; Minnesota DNR; United States Coast Guard; Upper River Services LLC; Minnesota State Patrol – Flight Section; Allina Medical Transportation; and the Salvation Army

If you have further questions about this exercise contact Brenda Kremer with the Minneapolis Airport Fire Department at 612-467-0687.

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