

Firefighters to conduct Live Fire Training at the Treasure Coast International Airport

Fort Pierce – On Wednesday, January 31, 2024, firefighters from St. Lucie County will participate in live fire training at the airport. A real airplane prop will be used to simulate aircraft emergencies where firefighters will battle flames produced by propane, and extricate patients from an aircraft.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires annual live fire training to maintain certification. The conditions will simulate the type of fire that could be encountered on an aircraft. Live fire training is an opportunity for firefighting crews to develop tactics, strategies and procedures in a non-emergent situation and prepare them for an actual crisis.

The event will take place on the terminal ramp located at 3000 Curtis King Blvd. in Fort Pierce. The training exercises will begin around 9:00 am and run throughout the afternoon.

The media is invited to attend the afternoon drills, beginning at 1:00 PM, but please arrange your visit with the Fire District PIO, Brenda Smith.

"Full-fledged incidents at the airport are few and far between- thankfully! They are very low frequency, high risk types of events, so it is important for firefighters to constantly train and be ready." –Captain Skip Chandler







