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Emergency Drill Held at Airport in Burlington

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If you saw fire trucks rushing to the Southeast Iowa Regional Airport on Saturday morning, there's no need to be alarmed.

It was only a drill.

Organized by the Burlington Fire Department and the Des Moines County Emergency Management Agency, this full-scale exercise simulated a plane crash with multiple victims.

A number of local agencies took part in the drill. They said it was an important opportunity for everyone to train together to be at their best in an emergency

situation.

"The more we can get the community involved in drills and surrounding communities in things such as this, the more important it is," Burlington Fire Chief Kenneth Morris said. "We're all going to have to work together in an actually emergency and this is the best way for us to prepare."

Crews say they hope to have more emergency drills in the near future.

They also hope to simulate scenarios that deal with chemical warfare and hazardous materials, because of what's happening in Syria.

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