

# Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport (PVD) EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport (PVD) in Warwick RI, has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Robert VanBurg at <a href="mailto:rvanburg@pvdairport.com">rvanburg@pvdairport.com</a>. Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because it is a commercial airport, classified as a Small Hub and may be used by an air carrier described in USC42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and
- Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

Like many airports its size, at times, Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights or possibly maintain the airport's safe operation and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the Airport Operations Department at 401-691-2265 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: limited ramp space, limited gate space, and limited Customs and Border Protection hold room space. During diversion events, Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport issues NOTAMs at <a href="PVD-FCR">PVD-FCR</a> (flyri.com) regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the airport and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operation events.

Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport may prohibit or limit any given type, kind or class of aircraft only if such action is necessary for the safe operation of the airport or necessary to serve the civil aviation needs of the public. Examples include lack of adequate international passenger processing facilities, limited numbers of aircraft parking positions, inability to accommodate park or service certain types of aircraft, and limited fueling capacity. What about during a declared State or National emergency?

#### **Airport Information**

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#### **Contact Information**

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Operations Department at 401-691-2265 or Airport Dispatch at 401-691-2247.

### Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays

**Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport** does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft and is, therefore, unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers. Additionally airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers.

We will provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above.

## Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency

The passenger terminal gates at Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport are under exclusive lease to air carriers and are not controlled by the airport during those times when the tenant airline is using or scheduled to use the gates. We are unable to direct a tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its exclusively leased gate during those times when the gate is in use or scheduled to be in use. We will direct our tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at these exclusively leased gates during those times the gates are not in use or not scheduled to be in use to the maximum extent practicable.

### Plan to Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection.

Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport has a defined sterile area capable of accommodating a limited number of international passengers. We will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures that will allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practicable.

### **Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan**

Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website <a href="http://www.flyri.com">http://www.flyri.com</a>
- Providing notice of availability of the plan on the airport's social media accounts.