

## **TEXARKANA REGIONAL AIRPORT EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN (Tarmac Delays)**

Texarkana Regional Airport 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 Russell Henderson at [Russell.Henderson@txkairport.com](mailto:Russell.Henderson@txkairport.com). Texarkana Regional Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport or (2) this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Texarkana Regional 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).

Texarkana Regional Airport has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency at 870-774-2171 during normal duty hours (8-5pm). From 5 to 11pm contact ARFF personnel who will then relay the appropriate information to airport leadership. After 10pm, contact Forth Worth Center and they will relay information to airport leadership. Specific facility constraints include the following:

- a. The Control Tower at Texarkana Regional Airport is closed between the hours of 10pm and 6am nightly. Although the tower is closed, the runways remain open and uncontrolled.
- b. Currently, the airport is ARFF index "A". Airport fire, crash and rescue services are only available from 6am to 11pm daily. The City of Texarkana, Arkansas Fire Department takes over emergency responses to the airport from 11pm to 6am nightly.
- c. The published weight bearing capacity for runway 4/22 is 120,000 lbs for Dual Twin Wheel configuration. The published weight bearing capacity for runway 13/31 is 25,000 lbs for Single Wheel configuration.
- d. The old terminal ramp can safely accommodate approximately three to four Embraer ERJ-145/170 type aircraft at one time. Larger aircraft will have to remotely park on taxiway A. Texarkana Regional Airport does not have a service that could transport the passengers to the new terminal or to additional sterile locations when international travelers arrive.
- e. The new terminal ramp can accommodate two to three ERJ145/170 type aircraft at one time. The new ramp can also accommodate a single 737 type aircraft with a max weight of no more than 130,000lbs.

f. The passenger terminal's maximum occupancy count for the sterile area is 288.

g. There are no restaurants, stores, or shops inside the new terminal. There are several modern coin and credit card operated snack machines located throughout the terminal. The closest restaurants, stores, and shops to the airport are located approximately two miles away.

We have noted most of these constraints in the Texarkana Regional Airport/Facility Directory record.

During diversion events, Texarkana Regional Airport issues NOTAMs 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 operations events.

**Airport Information**

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Airport Category: Large Hub         
                          Medium Hub         
                          Small Hub         
                          Non Hub   X  

**Contact Information**

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators or affected airline operations should contact the Texarkana Airport Operations Manager or the Airport Director during normal duty hours at 870-774-2171. After normal duty hours (5pm to 11pm) contact ARFF personnel at 870-774-2203. After 11pm, contact Forth Worth Center.

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

Texarkana Regional Airport does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft that do not park at the jet bridges 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 our air carrier or Fixed Based Operator (FBO). We will provide a list that contains our airline points of contact, ground handlers and FBO personnel. These groups may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to the airline that has incurred excessive tarmac delays as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines at the contact numbers listed above.

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

The jet bridge gates at Texarkana Regional Airport are under common use leases to air carriers and are controlled by the airport. We direct our common use air carrier users to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the maximum extent possible. Aircraft larger than an ERJ-145 or 175 may be required to deplane passengers from a remote part of the parking ramp and walk into the new terminal using side entry doors. Airline divert planners need to be aware that Texarkana Regional Airport is a small non-hub airport with two gates designated for arrival and departures.

## **Plan to Provide a Sterile Area Following Excessive Tarmac Delays for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**

Texarkana Regional Airport has only one sterile area in the terminal designed for outbound domestic passengers, and as a result, does not have international passenger processing facilities. To the extent possible, we will coordinate with the nearest local CBP and law enforcement officials to identify suitable areas and procedures for establishing a temporary sterile area into which international passengers on diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection can be deplaned following excessive tarmac delays.

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

Texarkana Regional 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 ([flytxk.com](http://flytxk.com))
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airport's Facebook and/or twitter accounts.
- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the terminals.