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Anchorage Airport to Host Two Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005 Exercises

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(Anchorage)—Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport will host a portion of this year's Alaska Shield/Northern Edge exercises on Monday, August 15 and Wednesday, August 17. The demonstrations are part of biennial military and civilian training sequences organized by Alaskan Command to improve the readiness of military forces for various contingencies.

Monday's simulated terrorism segment will feature a passenger aircraft intercept and diversion by F-15 Eagles. Personnel from Airport Police and Fire, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration Customs Enforcement and the Transportation Security Administration will respond to the aircraft and take investigative action including boarding the aircraft to locate and remove a suspected terrorist passenger.

Airport Police and Fire will lead a simulated cargo aircraft crash exercise on August 17. The aircraft to be used in this exercise is Airport Police and Fire's Boeing 727 training aircraft. A crew of 5 will be rescued as part of the drill. The airport firefighters will suppress the fire and rescue the crew. Mutual aid from Kulis Air National Guard Fire Department will also respond.

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Members of the media are encouraged to contact either Major Law or Major Schwalber for information on exercises and logistical information. All media members and/or interested parties are directed to meet at the Airport



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**Police and Fire Station located at 6040 DeHavilland Avenue, east of the
Airport Post Office.**

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