

# Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway 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 Margi EvanSon at [mevanson@gatewayairport.com](mailto:mevanson@gatewayairport.com). Phoenix-Mesa Gateway 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, Phoenix-Mesa Gateway 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).

## Airport Information

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Airport Category: Large Hub  Medium Hub  Small Hub  Non Hub

## Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Operations Shift Supervisor on Duty at 480-988-7570.

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

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport has limited equipment and personnel available to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft. We will utilize this equipment to deplane passengers as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines at the contact number listed above. We will also provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers 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 gates at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport are under common use and preferential use leases and controlled by the Airport. Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport will direct common use carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate.

Deplaning at remote parking locations requires notification through the number listed above to coordinate personnel and equipment with the fixed base operator, Gateway Aviation Services. Airstair units will be used for remote deplaning. The Airport has limited available busing capability. The Airport can accommodate a variety of aircraft; however, notification is required for any aircraft larger than an Airbus A320 parking at the terminal.

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

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport does not have a Federal Inspection Station. Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport houses a US CBP General Aviation Facility (GAF) which can process up to 25 passengers. For events involving more than 25 passengers, we will coordinate with local CBP and law enforcement officials in a Unified Command to identify suitable areas and procedures for establishing a temporary sterile area into which international passengers on diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared CBP can be deplaned. The standard location for this area is the building housing gates 9/10 at the commercial passenger terminal. Once these efforts are complete, we will coordinate with local CBP officials to allow international passengers who have not yet cleared CBP to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practicable.

PMGAA will contact US Customs and Border Protection at 1-800-X-SECTOR as soon as an unplanned arrival or diversion aircraft from an international starting point is known to be landing or has landed at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport.

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

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through the following means:

- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the terminals advising that a plan is on file with the DOT.
- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (<http://www.gatewayairport.com/DocumentsAndFormsLibrary.aspx>)