

## **Valdosta Regional Airport EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

Valdosta 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 Jim Galloway at [jgalloway@flyvaldosta.com](mailto:jgalloway@flyvaldosta.com). Valdosta 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, Valdosta 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).

Valdosta Regional Airport has facility and crash response constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport at 229-333-1833 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting coverage maximum of index B, no capability to process international passengers, limited aircraft parking locations in close proximity to the terminal building, unreliable aircraft boarding stairs, no Airport owned/operated ground servicing or handling equipment. During diversion events, Valdosta 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: Non Hub

### **Contact Information**

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Operations Supervisor at (229) 333-1833 or [tregister@flyvaldosta.com](mailto:tregister@flyvaldosta.com) for assistance. After hours events should contact the Valdosta Regional Airport Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting station at (229) 333-1834.

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

## **Tarmac Delays**

Valdosta Regional 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. The local airline contact number is (229) 244-2298. The fixed base operator contact number is (229) 242-3175.

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

The gates at Valdosta Regional Airport are under preferential lease to air carriers and are not fully controlled by the airport during those time periods when the tenant's usage of that gate meets the usage specified in the preferential use lease. We may be able to direct a tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its preferentially leased gate during those time periods when the tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gates. We will direct our tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate during those time periods 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 (CBP)**

Valdosta Regional Airport does not have international passenger processing facilities. International passengers that must be deplaned will be segregated and held in the gate holding area on the post-security screening side. Should the number of passengers exceed the capacity of that area, we will coordinate with CBP in Georgia (912) 721-4900 (24 hour contact) (Agent Snyder (912) 414-8878), and law enforcement officials to identify suitable areas and procedures for establishing a larger temporary sterile area.

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

Valdosta 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 (<http://www.flyvaldosta.com>)
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airport's social media accounts.
- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the terminals.