

## **Niagara Falls International Airport EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

The Niagara Falls International 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 Stark at [Russell.Stark@nfta.com](mailto:Russell.Stark@nfta.com). The Niagara Falls International Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because it is a commercial airport.

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

### **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 Buffalo ARFF Dispatcher at 716-630-6011 and ask for assistance in reaching the Niagara Falls International Airport Duty Manager.

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

Niagara Falls International Airport does not 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. However, we have requested that each airline, ground handler and FBO operation on the airport provide us with a list of the equipment and resources they have for deplaning passengers and contact information. We will provide this inventory and contact information 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 the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency**

The gates at Niagara Falls International Airport are under common use leases to air carriers and are controlled by the airport. We will work with our common use tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the extent practicable.

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

Niagara Falls International Airport has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers 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**

Niagara Falls 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 ([niagarafallsairport.com](http://niagarafallsairport.com))