

**HOW THE HOUSTON AIRPORTS RESPOND TO DISASTERS**

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The Houston Airport System is comprised of three major airports in the City of Houston; Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), William P. Hobby (HOU) and Ellington Airport (EFD). In total, the Houston Airport System serves over 70 million passengers both domestically and international. Whether it is a natural or man-made disaster, the airport system must be prepared to manage flight operations and the evacuation of passengers. The Emergency Management Division oversees all emergency response operations for the airports ensuring that emergency plans are activated and that the public safety is our number priority. This presentation will show how the emergency management division interacts with other private and government agencies during a disaster and how the operations of the airport are impacted and brought back online as quickly as possible.