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Safer Phones

Ontario upgrades its emergency phone system to keep passengers and employees safe.

By Keyoko Barner, LA/Ontario; Photos courtesy LA/Ontario

LA/Ontario International Airport's (ONT) Information Technology Section completed upgrades to its emergency call-down notification telephone system this summer. The upgrades allow accurate and timely notification when an airport incident occurs. The new system also notifies additional airport offices than the previous system.

"IT installed the \$100,000 system over a two-month period under schedule," said Tom Hoffman, a Communications Electrician at Ontario. "We continue to play a large role in ensuring the system works efficiently."

This system features a graphic display of the phones lines at Ontario and the City of Ontario so that the FAA and Safety Base can confirm receipt of the notifications. The system is tested twice daily.

"IT personnel are confident in the system and have done an exceptional job making sure everyone is comfortable using it," said Jess Romo, Airport Manager.



Lori Coleman, Senior Clerk Typist in the Ontario Airport Managers Office, listens during a check of the emergency telephone system.



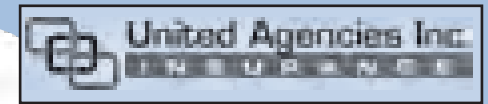
Ontario Communications Electrician Tom Hoffman, left, observes the system monitor for correct operation while Ontario Airport Rescue and Firefighting Capt. Robert Helsom answers the roll call during a test of the emergency call-down notification telephone system. Fire captains and the FAA can use the display to confirm receipt of the emergency notifications.

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