

# **STATE OF OHIO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**



## **EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #1 TRANSPORTATION**

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#### **FACILITATING AGENCY**

Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation

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**SUPPORT AGENCY:** Adjutant General’s Department, Ohio National Guard (OHNG)  
Ohio Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP)  
Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)  
Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

**I. INTRODUCTION**

A. Purpose

1. This plan establishes the organizational structure for the integration of aviation assets into disaster response and recovery operations.

**II. SITUATION**

- A. Disasters may require the need for aircraft to support operations in impacted area(s).
- B. State government will take responsibility for planning, organizing, directing, managing, and controlling SARDA (State and Regional Disaster Airlift) operations prior to their response through the National Response Framework (NRF).
- C. Upon activation of NRF-based aircraft support operations, the State will contact the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO), and will then coordinate missions closely with federal elements of Emergency Support Function #1, Transportation, at the Joint Field Office (JFO).
- D. Aviation assets used in disaster aviation support operations in Ohio will remain under the command of their parent organization/owner/operator.
- E. Airspace control and management will remain with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- F. As needed, the State will activate all or part of the SARDA plan.

- G. Aircraft and their crews may be prepositioned at staging areas in order to be in a position to more readily respond to an incident.
- H. All Civil Air Patrol (CAP) personnel responding under this plan will possess current CAP ratings and Specialty Qualifications related to the tasks they are performing.

### **III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

#### **A. General Response**

1. The majority of aviation support services will be limited in scope to incident assessment and monitoring of disaster sites.
2. The Air Operations Manager (AOM) will be contacted to initiate early reconnaissance flight operations in support of incident assessment and monitoring operations.
3. The AOM may be requested to be part of the State EOC's Executive Team to support disaster response operations allocation and prioritization.
4. The AOM will determine activation locations and will alert and activate operational personnel to support forward air operations, including the activation of Aviation Operations Liaisons at the State EOC. The aviation support system will address the coordination and allocation of resources, staging, logistics, intelligence, reporting, and communications for air support.
5. Depending on the severity of the incident, and/or the anticipated levels of needed air operations, additional flight operations personnel may need to be activated to support this function.
6. The Ohio Wing, CAP will maintain command and control of all of its resources and assets.

#### **B. Notification and Activation**

1. The State EOC will notify ODOT-AVI when the activation of air support operations is required.
2. The State EOC Operations Section will contact the CAP Alerting Officer to request the assistance of the Ohio Wing, CAP.

#### **C. Operational Coordination**

1. As needed, the ODOT-AVI Administrator will coordinate with appropriate federal, state and local authorities to determine the appropriate level of aviation assets.

2. The determination of the reimbursement of eligible air operations expenses will be in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288, as amended).
3. The cost reimbursement schedule for actions associated with missions that are undertaken by support agencies to this plan is detailed in Ohio State EOC Standard Operations Procedure documents that are maintained by Ohio EMA's Recovery Section.
4. In support of large-scale incidents, when immediate damage assessments are needed, federal mission assignments may be made directly to the CAP through the Air Force National Security Emergency Preparedness Office (AFNSEP).

D. SARDA operations may include the following operational assignments:

1. Damage assessment.
2. Critical human needs assessment.
3. Transportation of public safety personnel, police, firefighters, emergency management personnel, and emergency workers.
4. Transportation of response and recovery personnel, equipment and needed materials.
5. Search and rescue operations.
6. Communications relay assistance.
7. Transportation of medical teams, medical supplies and patients.
8. Airborne command and control.
9. Monitoring of Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs).
10. Security and crowd control.
11. VIP tours.
12. Other air operations as authorized

#### **IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

1. Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation (ODOT-AVI)
  - a. Provide an Air Operations Manager at the State EOC.
  - b. In coordination with responding state agencies, provide and/or facilitate aviation resources to assist in emergency response and recovery operations.
  - c. Provide or recommend maintenance facilities and personnel for logistical support to OSHP, ODOT, ODNR and CAP aircraft during disaster response operations.
  - d. Assist in the coordination of the notification, deployment, and arrival of aviation assets.
  - e. Coordinate with public and private agencies/organizations to determine the availability of specialized aviation assets.
  - f. Provide qualified personnel to assist in the management of air operations.
  - g. Establish Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) as required or as appropriate.
  - h. Air Operations Manager:
    - i. Liaise with aviation resource agencies.
    - ii. Maintain and update aviation resource lists and track the status of aviation resources during operational response.
    - iii. Identify and activate necessary personnel.
    - iv. Assist in identifying the need for Temporary Flight Restrictions, and coordinate these requests with the FAA.
    - v. If requested by the FAA, establish restricted airspace management operations.
    - vi. As necessary, identify and establish forward staging areas and associated logistical support necessary for flight operations.
    - vii. Brief the State EOC on the status of air operations, including: current missions, available aircraft by type, locations of staging areas, and priorities for aviation support.
    - viii. Advise State EOC personnel on aircraft capabilities, recommendations for appropriate missions by type of aircraft, and restrictions or costs associated with use of private-sector aircraft.

- ix. Respond to requests for aviation support from the State EOC.
  - x. Maintain Daily Aviation Activity Logs.
  - xi. Assist in the coordination of aircraft maintenance and logistical support.
2. Adjutant General's Department, Ohio National Guard (OHNG)
- a. Provide a point of contact for the Air Operations Manager at the State EOC.
  - b. Provide aircraft to support disaster air operations, as available.
  - c. Provide personnel and equipment to provide aviation communications, as available.
3. Ohio Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP)
- a. Through the CAP Wing Commander, provide a Point of Contact to the ESF-1 Air Operations Manager or the ODOT Emergency Management Coordinator at the State EOC.
  - b. Provide CAP aircraft to support disaster air operations, including, but not limited to aerial damage assessment, communications support and tracking and reporting of surface traffic.
  - c. Provide CAP personnel to assist in the management of air operations, and associated facilities and equipment.
  - d. Provide CAP personnel to track mission aircraft.
  - e. Support and facilitate communication links between aircraft and personnel tracking aircraft.
  - f. Maintain a situation map that tracks all aircraft employed by the State of Ohio during disaster operations.
  - g. Provide the ODOT Office of Aviation with real-time information about the location of CAP assets and types of missions that are being carried out.
  - h. Provide CAP runners, if required, to maintain communication between trackers, the Office of Aviation, and communications personnel.

4. Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)
  - a. Provide support for radio communications systems for aviation resources.
  - b. Provide space at the State EOC or other location for a communications room for the Ohio Wing CAP and amateur radio operator's radios and communications.
5. Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)
  - a. Provide a point of contact to the Air Operations Manager at the State EOC.
  - b. Provide aircraft and aircrews to support disaster air operations, as needed.
  - c. Provide support for Aviation Communications relay.

**V. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESF-1, TAB A, AVIATION SUPPORT**

- A. Each organization listed in this Plan will maintain organizational resource listings and internal standard operating procedures that document equipment, supplies, services and the procedures required for state-wide emergency/disaster response.