

**OHIO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN  
EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #1  
TRANSPORTATION**

**TAB A – AVIATION SUPPORT PLAN**

**LEAD AGENCY:** Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation (ODOT-AVI)

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

**I. INTRODUCTION**

A. Purpose

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

**II. ASSUMPTIONS**

- A. Disasters will result in a need for aircraft to support operations in the 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 response within the National Response Framework (NRF).
- C. After activation of NRF-based operations, the State will contact the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) and 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 may activate all or part of the SARDA plan.
- G. Aircraft and crews may be prepositioned at staging areas in order to be in a position to respond to an incident.

- H. All Civil Air Patrol (CAP) personnel responding under this plan will possess current CAP ratings and Specialty Qualifications in the task they are performing.

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

#### **A. General**

1. Most aviation support will be limited in scope to the site of the disaster area during incident assessment and monitoring.
2. For early reconnaissance flights, the Air Operations Manager (AOM) may be called during incident assessment and monitoring operations.
3. During the full activation of the State EOC, the AOM may be requested to join state personnel in the State EOC to be the central point of contact for disaster-related aviation support activities.
4. Depending on the severity of the incident, and/or the anticipated levels of air operations, additional staffing may be activated to report to the State EOC or at another appropriate facility to support this function.
5. During the full activation of the State EOC, the AOM may select an activation location and may alert additional staff to support forward air operations. Aviation Liaisons may also be positioned 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.
6. The Ohio Wing, CAP will maintain command and control of all of its resources.

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

1. The State EOC will notify ODOT-AVI when activation 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 application of aviation assets.
2. 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 State EOC Standard Operations Procedure documents that are maintained by Ohio EMA's Recovery Section.
4. In 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 ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY**

1. Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation (ODOT-AVI)
  - a. Provide an Air Operations Manager to report to the State EOC.
  - b. In coordination with responding state agencies, provide, and/or facilitate aviation resources that can 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 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 appropriate.
2. Air Operations Manager
- a. Act as liaison to aviation resource agencies.
  - b. Maintain and update aviation resource lists and track status of resources during emergencies.
  - c. Identify necessary staffing, and activate selected components.
  - d. Assist in identifying the need for Temporary Flight Restrictions, and coordinate the requests with FAA.
  - e. If requested by the FAA, establish restricted airspace management operations.
  - f. As necessary, identify and establish forward staging area(s), and associated logistical support necessary for operations.
  - g. 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.
  - h. 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.
  - i. Respond to requests for aviation support from the State EOC.
  - j. Maintain Daily Aviation Activity Logs, including all missions flown.
  - k. Assist in the coordination of aircraft maintenance and logistical support.

3. Adjutant General's Department, Ohio National Guard
  - 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.
4. Ohio Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP)
  - a. The CAP Wing Commander will 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. Provides CAP personnel to assist in the management of air operations, facilities and equipment.
  - d. Provide CAP personnel to track mission aircraft.
  - e. Provide communications 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 in order to reduce the risk of mid-air collisions and to insure more efficient use of aviation assets.
  - g. Provide the ODOT Office of Aviation with real-time information about the location of CAP assets and types of missions engaged in.
  - h. Provide CAP runners, if required, to keep communications flowing between trackers, the Office of Aviation and communications personnel.
5. Ohio Emergency Management Agency
  - a. Provide support radio communications systems for aviation resources.
  - b. Provide space for a communications room for Ohio Wing CAP and amateur radio operator's radios and communications.
6. Ohio Highway Patrol

- 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.
- c. Provide Aviation Communications relay.

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

- A. Each organization listed in the Aviation Support 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.