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Information on referenced publications can be found in Chapter 2 and Annex H.

## Chapter 1 Administration

**1.1 Scope.** This guide describes the elements of an airport/community emergency plan that require consideration before, during, and after an emergency has occurred. The scope of the airport/community emergency plan should include command, communication, and coordination functions for executing the AEP. Throughout this document, the airport/community emergency plan will be referred to as the “AEP.”

**1.2 Purpose.** This guide was written to inform airport and adjacent community authorities of current emergency planning techniques and procedures that result in the efficient utilization of personnel from all involved organizations and agencies to provide effective delivery of emergency services in the event of an aircraft-related emergency. Jurisdictional problems previously identified in actual emergencies or emergency plan exercises point out the necessity of resolving the conflicts as part of the development of the AEP. Recommendations

contained herein are not intended to conflict with any local or state regulations. One of the principal purposes of this document is to alert all participants to conflicts that can exist due to multijurisdictional factors, such as conflicts between state and local regulations. Additional criteria for assessing the AEP can be found in NFPA 1600.

## Chapter 2 Referenced Publications

**2.1 General.** The documents or portions thereof listed in this chapter are referenced within this guide and should be considered part of the recommendations of this document.

**2.2 NFPA Publications.** National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

NFPA 1600®, *Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity/Continuity of Operations Programs*, 2016 edition.

**2.3 Other Publications.**

**2.3.1 U.S. Government Publications.** U.S. Government Publishing Office, 732 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401-0001.

Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1910.165.

**2.3.2 Other Publications.** Merriam-Webster’s *Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th edition, Merriam-Webster, Inc., Springfield, MA, 2003.

**2.4 References for Extracts in Advisory Sections.**

NFPA 402, *Guide for Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Operations*, 2013 edition.

NFPA 403, *Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Services at Airports*, 2014 edition.

NFPA 472, *Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents*, 2013 edition.

NFPA 1670, *Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents*, 2017 edition.

## Chapter 3 Definitions

**3.1\* General.** The definitions contained in this chapter apply to the terms used in this guide. Where terms are not defined in this chapter or within another chapter, they should be defined using their ordinarily accepted meanings within the context in which they are used. Merriam-Webster’s *Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th edition, is the source for the ordinarily accepted meaning.

**3.2 NFPA Official Definitions.**

**3.2.1\* Approved.** Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

**3.2.2\* Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).** An organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure.

**3.2.3 Should.** Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.

**3.3 General Definitions.**

**3.3.1\* Airborne Emergency.** Those emergencies that affect the operational integrity of an aircraft while in flight.

**3.3.2 Aircraft Accident.** An occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft that takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight and until all such persons have disembarked and in which any person suffers death or serious injury or in which the aircraft receives substantial damage. [403, 2014]

**3.3.3 Aircraft Emergency Exercise.** Testing of the emergency plan and review of the results in order to improve the effectiveness of the AEP.

**3.3.4\* Aircraft Incident.** An occurrence, other than an accident, associated with the operation of an aircraft, that affects or could affect continued safe operation if not corrected.

**3.3.5 Aircraft Operator.** A person, organization, or enterprise engaged in, or offering to engage in, aircraft operation.

**3.3.6 Airline Coordinator.** A representative authority delegated by an airline to represent its interests during an emergency covered by this guide.

**3.3.7 Airport/Community Emergency Plan (AEP).** Established procedures for coordinating the response of airport services with other agencies in the surrounding community that could be of assistance in responding to an emergency occurring on, or in the vicinity of, the airport.

**3.3.8\* Airport Manager.** The individual having managerial responsibility for the operation and safety of an airport.

**3.3.9 Airside (Airport Operational Area).** The movement area of an airport, adjacent terrain, and buildings or portions thereof, access to which is controlled.

**3.3.10 Air Traffic Control Provider.** A service established to provide air and ground traffic control for airports. (This includes airport control tower and airport flight information services.)

#### **3.3.11 Area.**

**3.3.11.1 Care Area.** Location where initial medical care is given to injured.

**3.3.11.2 Collection Area.** Location where seriously injured are collected initially.

**3.3.11.3 Holding Area.** Location where the apparently uninjured aircraft occupants are transported.

**3.3.11.4 Medical Transportation Area.** That portion of the triage area where injured persons are staged for transportation to medical facilities under the direct supervision of a medical transportation officer.

**3.3.11.5 Staging Area.** A location established for the temporary location of available resources, such as personnel, supplies, and equipment, while awaiting operational assignment.

**3.3.12 Emergency Medical Technician.** A person trained and certified to appraise and initiate the administration of emergency care for victims of trauma or acute illness before or during transportation of victims to a health care facility.

**3.3.13 Emergency Operations Center.** A temporary or established facility where the coordination of information and resources to support incident management activities (i.e., on-scene operations) takes place.

**3.3.14 Grid Map.** A plan view of an area superimposed with a system of numbered and lettered squares that provide a fixed reference to any point in the area.

**3.3.15 Incident Command Post (ICP).** The field location where the primary functions are performed, which may be colocated with the incident base or other incident facilities.

**3.3.16 Incident Command System (ICS).** The combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure that has responsibility for the management of assigned resources to effectively accomplish stated objectives pertaining to an incident or training exercise. [1670, 2017]

**3.3.17\* Incident Commander (IC).** The individual responsible for all incident activities, including the development of strategies and tactics and the ordering and the release of resources. [472, 2013]

**3.3.18 Investigation.** A systematic inquiry or examination.

**3.3.19 Mobile Emergency Hospital (MEH).** A specialized, self-contained vehicle that can provide a clinical environment that enables a physician to provide definitive treatment for serious injuries at the accident scene.

**3.3.20 Moulage.** A reproduction of a skin lesion, tumor, wound, or other pathological state. Applied for realism to simulate injuries in emergency exercises.

**3.3.21 Mutual Aid.** Reciprocal assistance by emergency services under a prearranged plan. [402, 2013]

**3.3.22 National Incident Management System (NIMS).** A consistent nationwide template that enables all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.

**3.3.23 Paramedic.** A medical technician who has received extensive training in advanced life support and emergency medicine.

#### **3.3.24 Perimeter.**

**3.3.24.1 Inner Perimeter.** That area that is secured to allow effective command, communication, and coordination control and to allow for safe operations to deal with an emergency, including the immediate ingress and egress needs of emergency response personnel and vehicles.

**3.3.24.2 Outer Perimeter.** That area outside of the inner perimeter that is secured for immediate-support operational requirements, free of unauthorized or uncontrolled interference.

**3.3.25 Rendezvous Point/Staging Area.** A prearranged reference point, that is, a road junction, a crossroad, or other specified place, where personnel/vehicles responding to an emergency situation initially proceed to receive directions to staging areas or the accident/incident site or both.

**3.3.26 Stabilization.** The medical measures used to restore basic physiologic equilibrium to a patient, to facilitate future definitive care, in order to ensure survival.

**3.3.27 Triage.** The sorting of casualties at an emergency according to the nature and severity of their injuries.

**3.3.28 Triage Tag.** A tag used in the classification of casualties according to the nature and severity of their injuries.

**3.3.29 Triage Tape.** Color-coded tape used in the classification of casualties according to the nature and severity of their injuries.

## Chapter 4 Elements of Emergency Planning

### 4.1 General. (See Annex C.)

**4.1.1** It is the function of the airport operator to develop an airport/community emergency plan (AEP) and procedures for all perceived emergencies applicable to the airport's characteristics and operation. The AEP should describe the coordination of the actions to be taken in an emergency occurring at an airport or in its vicinity. It should be built around an Incident Command System (ICS) compatible with the locally adopted emergency management system.

**4.1.2** "During-the-emergency" considerations depend on the exact nature or location of the incident, or both. The location should dictate the agency responsible for management of the emergency. As the nature of the incident changes from emergency operations to the investigative phase, the appropriate investigative agency should assume command and responsibility for the incident scene. All agencies responding to the incident should know in advance their respective roles and the established lines of authority.

**4.1.3** "Post-emergency" considerations also should be given considerable attention. Transition of authority and other legal factors should be discussed and preplanned. Consideration should be given to the restoration of protective services in order to permit continuation of normal airport/aircraft operations and public protection that were disrupted by the emergency. Due to specialized training and equipment, aircraft rescue and fire fighting (ARFF) units should be made available for response as expeditiously as possible.

**4.1.4\*** The recommendations contained in this document are based on the requirement that rescue of aircraft occupants and other related accident victims is the primary operational objective. Effective operations require a great deal of preplanning. Regular exercises provide an opportunity for realistic training of personnel from all agencies that will be involved in the incident.

**4.1.5** It is crucial that response agencies consider local weather conditions and nighttime operations while developing details of the AEP. For example, low temperatures can freeze medical solutions or tubing during protracted extrication operations. Severe weather conditions also can negatively affect fire-fighting foam solution. Precautions should be taken where necessary to mitigate weather-induced physical problems such as hypothermia and dehydration. Such considerations should apply to emergency personnel, as well as victims of the accident.

### 4.1.6 Amendment of the AEP.

**4.1.6.1** The airport operator should maintain the master records of the AEP and transmit to each participating agency amendments, additions, and revisions as appropriate.

**4.1.6.2** The scope of the AEP should include command, communication, and coordination functions for executing the AEP. The AEP should be constructed using a modular and severable format in order to facilitate revisions of specific elements without having to rewrite the entire AEP. The AEP

should be reviewed on an annual basis by all participants. The review should include a comprehensive analysis of lessons learned from training sessions, incidents, geographical and physical changes, legal and technical changes, and other factors that can influence the adequacy of the AEP.

**4.1.7 Training Costs.** The costs of a major training exercise can be a considerable factor for even the smallest of airports. Budgetary planning for training costs should include salaries for personnel; consumables such as fuel, extinguishing agent, and medical supplies; legal advice; and other necessary items, such as food for all participants.

### 4.2 Types of Emergencies and Emergency Alerts. (See Annex D.)

**4.2.1** Many different types of emergencies can strike a community. However, when creating the AEP, the focus should be on aircraft-related incidents. Preparation, including risk assessment for other types of emergencies, should be addressed in the pre-emergency planning documents built around the special nature of those incidents.

**4.2.2** Most aircraft accidents occur within the airport operational area. However, experience has shown that the most devastating aircraft accidents have been those that occur off-airport, involving structures. Therefore, it is necessary to design a plan that provides for the needs of both.

**4.3 Essential Elements of the AEP.** The following elements should be considered essential to the AEP:

- (1) Establishment of formal instruments/agreements/joint powers, and so forth, to initiate development and implementation of the AEP
- (2) Detailed planning for 24-hour response, communications, accountability, logistics, and so forth
- (3) Agreement for incident command and control systems and procedures (All agencies involved in the AEP should be aware of each other's defined duties.)
- (4) Funding for practice exercises
- (5) Regular and "as needed" AEP updates
- (6) Public relations efforts that bring popular and political support to maintaining readiness
- (7) An emergency notification system or alarm system that has a distinctive signal for each emergency situation as determined via a preliminary hazard assessment (PHA) and is in compliance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.165 at a minimum.

## Chapter 5 Agencies Involved

### 5.1 Agencies.

**5.1.1** The AEP should have an up-to-date list of all agencies involved. In addition to agency identification, the list should include current telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and names of primary contact persons. This list should be reviewed, revised as necessary, and distributed to all agencies on a regular basis.

**5.1.1.1** Written agreements should be established with all organizations and agencies that will be involved in responding to an emergency situation. The agreements should be reviewed annually or upon a change in operations that could affect existing emergency response plans and updated as necessary. The emergency response plan will be compatible and integrated



with the disaster, fire, and/or emergency response plans of local, state, and federal agencies.

**5.1.2** The first step in a viable AEP is to have the cooperation and participation of all concerned airport/community authorities and agencies. The authorities and agencies that should be involved are as follows:

- (1) Air Traffic Control (ATC) services
- (2) ARFF services (departments)
- (3) Agency tasked for personnel decontamination and HAZMAT response
- (4) Police/security services
- (5) Airport operator
- (6) Emergency medical services, including ambulance services and hospital coordination center
- (7) Hospitals
- (8) Aircraft operators
- (9) Government services
- (10) Communications services
- (11) Airport tenants
- (12) Transportation authorities (land, sea, and air)
- (13) Rescue coordination center
- (14) Civil defense
- (15) Mutual aid agencies
- (16) Harbor Patrol and/or Coast Guard
- (17) Military
- (18) Clergy
- (19) Public information office/news media
- (20) Mental health agencies
- (21) Customs
- (22) Public utilities
- (23) Postal authorities
- (24) Veterinary services
- (25) Coroner
- (26) Volunteer organizations (e.g., International Red Cross)
- (27) Civil engineering contractors
- (28) Environmental agencies

**5.2\* ATC Services.** For emergencies involving aircraft, the ATC provider is required to contact the ARFF service and provide information on the type of emergency, such as the type of aircraft, number of persons on board, fuel quantity, and location of the accident, if known. After the initial call, mutual aid agencies should be provided the airport grid map reference, rendezvous point/staging area, and, where necessary, the airport entrances to be used. Alternately, this function can be assigned by the AEP, either in whole or in part, to another organization or unit. The AEP also can specify that ATC services is responsible for initiating the notification of local fire departments and other appropriate agencies in accordance with procedures established in the AEP. The AEP can assign this function to another agency, such as the local fire department dispatching center, but it is very important that this extremely crucial function be well documented and understood by all concerned. It will be the responsibility of the airport operator to restrict airport operations in coordination with ATC services and through the issuance of a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).

### 5.3 ARFF Services (Departments).

**5.3.1\*** The primary responsibility of ARFF personnel is to save lives. Property endangered by aircraft incidents and accidents occurring on or near the airport should be preserved as far as is practical. To achieve this objective, fire control normally is defined as “securing” the area to prevent any re-ignitions.

However, there can be aircraft accidents where fire does not occur or where the fire is rapidly extinguished. In every case each action taken is aimed at providing the most immediate attention possible to survivors of the accident, with special emphasis on the initial care, decontamination, and timely transportation of the immediate care (Priority I) victims to the appropriate trauma center.

**5.3.2** ARFF personnel should receive emergency medical training that meets the minimum standards of their state and local jurisdictions. The stabilization of seriously injured victims can depend entirely upon these first-arriving personnel. Coordination with other responding personnel having advanced medical expertise (paramedics and medical doctors) should be addressed in the AEP.

**5.3.3** The fire-fighting officer in command should be identified by a standard distinctive uniform. In addition, the AEP should provide a highly visible vest or other apparel with reflective lettering, front and back, that reads, “INCIDENT COMMANDER.”

**5.3.4** Only fire-fighting and rescue personnel wearing approved fire-fighting protective clothing and equipment should be allowed in close proximity to an aircraft accident site until the Incident Commander (IC) determines it is safe for others to enter [100 m (300 ft) from any point on the aircraft or any fuel spillage is usually considered a safe distance].

**5.3.5** As part of the interagency planning process, health and safety risks associated with an aircraft accident/incident should be communicated to other agencies that could become involved. The IC of the ARFF response should ensure that other agencies working within the immediate crash site are aware of the potential hazards and the appropriate personnel protective clothing/equipment that could be required.

### 5.4 Police/Security Services.

**5.4.1** In an airport emergency, it should be expected that the first police or security officer to arrive at the scene will initiate site security procedures and request reinforcement as needed. It should be expected that these responsibilities will be spelled out in the AEP, identifying the responsible law enforcement agency for the accident site and providing for a smooth transition of command, should responsibility for site security shift from one agency to another.

**5.4.2\*** Congestion-free ingress and egress roads should be established immediately for emergency vehicles. The security services, police force, or other appropriate local authorities should be expected to ensure that only persons with specific tasks are allowed at the scene of the accident, and they also should be expected to route the normal traffic away from or around the accident site.

**5.4.3** The AEP should provide for the prevention of unauthorized access to the accident site and for preserving the site undisturbed for investigation purposes.

**5.4.4** A mutual aid program should be instituted between all potentially involved security agencies, for example, airport, city, local, and governmental security forces; mail inspectors; and, where appropriate, military police and customs officials.

**5.4.5** A method of easy identification of responding emergency personnel should be implemented at security checkpoints to ensure that appropriate emergency personnel have immediate access to the accident site. “Emergency Access”

identification can be preissued by the airport operator to emergency personnel for use during an emergency.

**5.4.6** In many cases it is not possible or practicable for vehicles of mutual aid fire departments, ambulances, and so forth, to proceed directly to the accident/incident site. It should be essential that the emergency plan include procedures for meeting at a designated rendezvous point or points. A rendezvous point also can be used as a staging area where responding units can be held until needed at the accident site. Suitable accommodation should be provided at the rendezvous point(s)/staging area for the rendezvous point/staging area manager to facilitate the briefing of incoming officers in charge of supporting services. Adequate telephone and radio provisions should be available. The rendezvous point-staging area office(s) should also consider the suitability of vehicles to adverse terrain and conditions at the accident site in order to prevent obstruction of the access route by disabled vehicles. Staging of vehicles can prevent traffic jams and confusion at the accident scene.

**5.4.7** To easily identify and distinguish the security/police officer in command, a distinct colored vest with reflective lettering displayed front and back should be utilized.

## **5.5 Airport Operator.**

**5.5.1** The airport operator is responsible for establishing, promulgating, and implementing the AEP and designating a person to take charge of the overall operation at the ICP. (Incident command should rest with the agency having jurisdiction [AHJ].) The AEP should call for the airport operator to ensure that the information on names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of offices or people involved in an airport emergency is kept up to date and distributed to all concerned. The AEP also should include necessary meetings of the airport emergency plan coordinating committee, composed of key personnel from participating agencies, for a critique of the AEP after it has been tested or implemented. The airport operator should be responsible for closing the airport, or part of it, and ensuring that aircraft operations are resumed only when circumstances permit aircraft to operate safely without interfering with rescue activities.

**5.5.1.1** The removal of disabled aircraft should be part of the AEP.

**5.5.1.2** It is incumbent on the airport operator to ensure that airlines using the airport have made adequate plans and arrangements either separately or conjointly to ensure prompt arrival of recovery equipment and qualified personnel.

**5.5.2** To easily identify and distinguish the airport operations officer, a distinctive colored vest with reflective lettering displayed front and back should be utilized.

## **5.6 On-Scene Medical Services.**

**5.6.1** The purpose of medical services is to provide triage, medical care, decontamination, and transportation for accident victims. The optimal goal should be decontamination and transportation of the immediate (Priority I) victim to the appropriate trauma center.

**5.6.2** It is essential that the medical aspects of the AEP be integrated with other local community emergency plans and agreements.

**5.6.3** A medical group supervisor should be assigned to assume command of the emergency medical operations at the accident site. In some cases, it might be necessary to appoint an interim medical group supervisor who will be relieved when the designated medical group supervisor arrives. An interim medical group supervisor may be designated by the IC until the assigned person arrives.

**5.6.4** Medical and ambulance services can be an integral part of the airport services, particularly whenever an ambulance service is a part of the airport's ARFF service. Whenever medical and ambulance services are not available at the airport, prearrangement with local, private, public, or military medical and ambulance services should be made. The AEP should ensure the dispatch of a satisfactory assignment of personnel, equipment, and medical supplies. To ensure a rapid response, the AEP can include arrangements for land, sea, and airborne transportation of medical services to the scene and the subsequent transportation of persons requiring immediate medical care. Prearrangements are necessary to ensure the availability of doctors and other medical personnel for all airport emergencies.

**5.6.5** The AEP should designate a medical transportation leader whose responsibilities would include all of the following:

- (1) Alerting hospitals and medical personnel to the emergency
- (2) Directing transportation of casualties to hospitals suited to the particular injuries
- (3) Accounting for casualties by recording the route of transportation, the hospital, and each casualty's name and extent of injuries
- (4) Advising hospitals when casualties are en route
- (5) Maintaining contact with hospitals, medical transportation, the senior medical officer, on-scene command post, and the ICP

## **5.7 Hospitals.**

**5.7.1** Participating hospitals should have contingency emergency plans that provide for blood donations and mobilization of necessary medical trauma teams to the accident site in the shortest possible time. Availability of qualified personnel and adequate facilities at the hospitals are vital. Therefore, it is important to establish in advance an accurate list of surrounding hospitals classified according to their effective receiving capacity and specialized features, such as neurosurgical ability or burn treatment.

**5.7.2** The hospital's distance from the airport and its ability to receive helicopters should be considered. Reliable two-way communication between the ICP and these entities is important. An aircraft accident alert should be made to a single medical authority/agency, which then alerts all appropriate facilities according to a local medical communications network.

**5.7.3** It is essential that hospitals continually communicate through a central control point to facilitate distribution of critically injured patients. Information regarding the availability of a specific trauma center, operating room, and ward space should be collected at a central control point, designated in the AEP, and disseminated to the medical transportation officer at the scene.

## **5.8 Aircraft Operators. (See Annex E.)**

**5.8.1\*** The aircraft operator/company of an aircraft involved in an accident should dispatch a liaison to the ICP to provide full details of aircraft-related information, such as the number of persons on board, fuel, and cargo information (i.e., Dangerous Goods/HAZMAT). This information is vital to the IC and can influence the tactics and strategies used to deal with the emergency.

**5.8.2** Aircraft operators also should be responsible for first providing arrangements for any uninjured survivors who need to continue their journey or require accommodation or other assistance. Next, they might be responsible for contacting deceased passengers' next of kin. Clergy, police, international relief agencies (Red Cross, etc.), and mental health agencies normally will assist in the accomplishment of this task.

**5.8.3** The proper disposition of all cargo, mail, and baggage aboard an aircraft involved in an accident is the responsibility of the aircraft operator. Permission to remove these items from the aircraft can be granted by the IC after the emergency has been abated and the requirements of the accident investigators have been met.

**5.8.4** The AEP should designate an agreed resource to respond to emergencies that involve a chartered, private, military, or other nontenant aircraft operator.

**5.9 Government Agencies.** In order to avoid conflict and confusion between participants, the AEP should clearly define the obligation, controls, and limitations placed on the airport operator by government agencies. Post-accident investigation, unlawful seizure of aircraft, bomb threats, and bombings can fall into a jurisdiction other than that of the airport operator. The environmental or rivers protection agency or both should be aware of the potential hazards from an aircraft accident to ensure that measures are in place to prevent contamination through fuel spillage, fire-fighting media, airborne particulates, and oxidation of metals. The AEP should include procedures for informing these agencies of an accident.

**5.10 Communication Services.** Arrangements should be made to provide all airport agencies involved in an emergency with two-way communication capabilities. The AEP also should provide an adequate communication network to be maintained with the off-airport agencies responding to an emergency. The AEP should call for the ICP and emergency operations center to have the capability of freely communicating with all participating agencies. Cellular telephones can be extremely effective. Amateur, military, and civil defense radio networks are worth considering as a backup.

**5.11 Airport Tenants.** Airport tenants and their employees should be considered a prime source of readily available equipment and manpower who might have intimate knowledge of the airport and aircraft. These people can be invaluable, especially if their backgrounds include medical training, food preparation, or transportation. It is important that they be deployed under supervision and assigned specific functions to avoid duplication of efforts and the possibility of disrupting other emergency operations.

#### **5.12 Transportation Authorities (Land, Sea, Air).**

**5.12.1** In an emergency, vehicles are needed to carry out rescue operations, transport personnel, and haul supplies and debris. Responsibility for the control of vehicles to be used during an emergency should be assigned to a designated transportation officer. The AEP should include an inventory and

assignment of transportation and mechanical equipment held at the airport, such as transportation vehicles, trucks, diggers, cranes, and cars, with contingency plans for staff to be called to operate the equipment.

**5.12.2** In airport emergencies, provision should be made for an easily identifiable guide vehicle(s) equipped with two-way radio communication to lead groups of vehicles from the rendezvous point(s) or staging area to the accident site, to avoid interference with aircraft operations.

**5.12.3** To easily identify and distinguish the transportation IC, a distinct colored vest with reflective lettering displayed front and back should be utilized.

**5.12.4** Suitable rescue equipment and services should be available for use at an airport where the area to be covered by the appropriate services includes water, swampy areas, or other difficult terrain that cannot be fully served by conventional wheeled vehicles. This suitability is particularly important where a significant portion of approach and departure operations takes place over these areas.

**5.13 Rescue Coordination Center.** Rescue coordination centers can play a significant role in an aircraft accident occurring in the vicinity of an airport, if the site of the accident is not known or if rescue facilities in addition to those available at or near the airport are required to be brought into action. Rescue coordination centers should have means of immediate communication with all rescue units within their areas of responsibility, including units able to provide aircraft, helicopters, and special rescue teams and, where appropriate, with coastal radio stations capable of alerting and communicating with surface vessels. Assistance from these units can be essential in responding to an accident in the vicinity of the airport. Therefore, it is suggested that the potential role of the rescue coordination center be highlighted in the proposed AEP document in a separate paragraph.

**5.14 Civil Defense.** The AEP should be integrated with the local community civil defense emergency plan and with local search and rescue teams. Consideration should be given to the role the airport may have as a result of coordination with civil defense officials and in support of any civil defense emergency plan requirements.

#### **5.15 Mutual Aid Agencies.**

**5.15.1\*** Airport emergencies can be of such magnitude that local ARFF, security, law enforcement, and medical services are inadequate to handle the situation. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that written mutual aid agreements be initiated to ensure the prompt and orderly response of these agencies.

**5.15.2** All mutual aid agreements should be reviewed or revised annually. Telephone and personnel contacts should be reviewed and updated monthly.

**5.16 Harbor Patrol and Coast Guard.** Harbor Patrol and Coast Guard services are vital to airports adjacent to large bodies of water. Coordination of such services should be included in the AEP where applicable. Communication requirements to obtain the immediate response of such services (and the ability to communicate during the emergency) should be an essential ingredient of the AEP. If the area where the boats are to be operated is subject to freezing, vehicles suitable for operation on ice (i.e., hovercraft, swamp boats, etc.) should be available. (*See Annex F.*)

**5.17 Military.** Where a military installation is located on or in the vicinity of an airport, a mutual aid agreement should be initiated to integrate personnel with command, communication, and coordination functions of the AEP.

**5.18 Clergy.** The AEP should include advance agreements with clergy of all faiths to provide comfort to casualties and their relatives.

**5.19 Public Information Officer (PIO).** A PIO should be designated as part of the AEP. This officer should coordinate and release factual information to the news media and also should coordinate public information statements between all parties involved. It is recommended that the television and radio news media be requested to withhold the release of accident information to allow sufficient time for adequate security to be established.

**5.20 Mental Health Agencies.** The AEP should include the local mental health agencies. Therapeutic treatment as well as follow-up procedures for dealing with the possible long-term effects of the emergency should be available for survivors, relatives, eyewitnesses, and emergency scene personnel.

**5.21 Customs.** The AEP should include agreed procedures required by the customs authority for the examination of baggage and freight to ensure that dutiable goods and contraband are not being brought into the country illegally.

**5.22 Public Utilities.** An airport relies heavily on the supply of public utilities; the AEP should include agreed procedures in the event of a potential emergency, which affects the supply of gas, electricity, water, and communications.

**5.23 Post Office.** Postal services include the transportation of mail by air; the AEP should include procedures for the retrieval of official post, which might be carried on aircraft that have been involved in an accident.

**5.24 Veterinary Service.** Procedures should be in place within the AEP to ensure that in the event of an aircraft accident, veterinary services respond immediately.

**5.25 Coroner.** The AEP should reflect agreed-upon procedures for temporary mortuary arrangements, which should be located remote from public view and be large enough for its intended use, with electricity, running water, and suitable screening. Fire department facilities or any facility used by responding emergency personnel should not be used for this purpose.

**5.26 Volunteer Organizations.** Within the airport envelope, many volunteer organizations exist that support the local community and that in a time of crisis have contingency plans in place to render assistance. When a plan is being compiled, it is important that these organizations are approached regarding facilities or support they may be able to offer to complement the AEP (e.g., International Red Cross, trained volunteers).

**5.27 Additional Support Services.** Where necessary, airport operators should ensure that the AEP reflects additional support through the use of external civil engineering contractors.

## Chapter 6 Functions of Each Agency for an Aircraft Accident On-Airport

**6.1\* General.** The AEP should be implemented immediately upon an aircraft accident occurring on-airport. Responding agencies should comply with Sections 6.2 through 6.10.

### 6.2 Action by ATC Services.

**6.2.1** ATC services should initiate emergency response by using the alarm communications system.

**6.2.2\*** Information on the location of the accident, giving grid-map reference or identifying terrain or landmark features should be immediately provided by ATC services. Initial details should include the type of aircraft. Subsequent information should include details such as the occupants, fuel on board, aircraft operator (if known), and the presence or absence of any dangerous goods, including the type, quantity, and location.

**6.2.3** ATC should initially restrict aircraft operations to the degree necessary to prevent expansion of the accident scenario and facilitate emergency response.

**6.2.4** An appropriate NOTAM should be initiated by the airport; for example, "Airport ARFF protection reduced/unavailable until [insert time] or until further notice due to aircraft accident." (Note that this notice may be automatic if so delineated in the AEP.)

**6.2.5** ATC should confirm that the actions in 6.2.1 through 6.2.4 were completed, utilizing pre-established checklists, indicating notification time(s) and name of the person(s) completing action(s).

**6.2.6** ATC should immediately establish restricted airspace over the immediate vicinity of the accident to facilitate evacuation of casualties by helicopter and preclude interference with emergency operations by nonemergency flights.

### 6.3 Action by Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Services.

**6.3.1** An alarm for an aircraft accident on the airport will normally be received from the ATC services. However, when an alarm is received from any other source, or when an accident is observed or there is reason to consider that one is imminent, the airport ARFF services should initiate immediate action. The ATC services should be informed by the responding fire-fighting services as to the nature of the alarm, its location, and the response initiated.

**6.3.2** Airport ARFF services should carry out the following steps:

- (1) Proceed via established access routes to the incident as indicated by ATC services
- (2) Advise mutual aid fire departments of the following while en route:
  - (a) Rendezvous point
  - (b) Staging area(s)
  - (c) Manpower and equipment required for support, if known
  - (d) Any other pertinent information
- (3) Immediately establish an on-scene ICP



**6.3.3** Command authority at any accident site should be predetermined according to the jurisdictional responsibilities of the agencies involved and as designated in the AEP.

**6.3.4** Prior agreement should be reached between the on-airport ARFF service and the off-airport mutual aid fire departments as to who is best equipped to fight fires in aircraft hangars or other airport structures. Additionally, there should be prior agreement as to which agency will be in command when an accident involves an aircraft or an airport structure or both.

#### **6.4 Action by Police/Security Services.**

**6.4.1** The first security/police officer to arrive should coordinate with the IC and, to the extent possible, immediately establish free traffic lanes on ingress and egress roads for emergency vehicles, initiate security responsibility, and request reinforcements as needed. Traffic flow and site security should be the primary responsibilities of police and security personnel. They should notify the appropriate communications center of the location of the accident and available means of access and egress. After consulting with the IC, police and security personnel should initiate traffic control measures in order to aid responding emergency vehicles. They should notify the airport security communications center or the IC (where appropriate) of the location of the accident; access, ingress, and egress roads available; and where responding security personnel should make initial response and recommendations for setting up roadblocks away from the accident site to aid responding emergency vehicles. Responding police vehicles should not proceed directly to the accident site, but set up appropriate roadblocks at least two to three blocks away, as directed by supervisory authority to prevent road congestion.

**6.4.2** Security personnel and police should handle traffic in the vicinity of the accident site, admit only authorized emergency personnel to the scene, keep unauthorized persons away from the accident site, and be responsible for preservation of the accident scene.

**6.4.3** All unnecessary traffic should be routed away from and around the accident site.

**6.4.4** The accident site should be cordoned off as soon as possible to exclude intruders, media, sightseers, onlookers, and souvenir hunters. Appropriate markings should be prominently displayed to advise all persons of possible hazards that could cause serious injury should they encroach on the area.

**6.4.5** Communications between all security checkpoints and the ICP or emergency operations center or both should be established as soon as possible.

**6.4.6** Identifying armbands, site passes, ID tags, or other indication of empowerment should be issued by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) and monitored by the security services.

**6.4.7** Special security provisions should be instituted for the protection of the flight crew, flight data recorders and cockpit voice recorders, any official post involved, and any dangerous goods that could be present.

**6.4.8** Responding emergency units should meet with authorized persons at the staging area for escort to the accident site.

#### **6.5 Action by Airport Operator.**

**6.5.1** The airport operator representative should respond to the accident site and, as needed, set up an easily identifiable mobile command post. The mobile command post should be adequately staffed by senior representatives who are able to make decisions involving the following types of operations:

- (1) Airport
- (2) Security
- (3) Medical
- (4) Aircraft
- (5) Aircraft recovery
- (6) Aircraft fueling

**6.5.2** The airport operator should commence pre-established checklist procedures that verify the following:

- (1) The airport emergency operations center has been activated.
- (2) Mutual aid police procedures have been initiated and secondary notification calls have been made.
- (3) Medical and ambulance services have been alerted and their arrivals verified at the designated rendezvous point or staging area.
- (4) Mutual aid fire departments have been notified and escort has been provided for their access to the accident site.
- (5) The affected aircraft operator has been notified and information obtained on any dangerous goods or hazardous materials on board the aircraft, such as explosive substances, flammable gases and liquids, combustible solids, oxidizing substances, poisonous substances, radioactive materials, or corrosives; and on the total number of occupants (passengers, crew, non-revenue-generating passengers, infants).
- (6) Liaison has been established with ATC services concerning the closure of airport areas, designation of emergency response corridors, and issuing of voice advisories and NOTAM advising as to the status of airport ARFF protection.
- (7) Government aircraft accident investigation authorities, such as the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), have been notified. (If military aircraft is involved, the appropriate military organization should be notified.)
- (8) The meteorological department has been notified to make a special weather observation.
- (9) Arrangements have been made for the affected runway to be surveyed immediately by the appropriate personnel to identify the location of crash debris and to ensure that the debris be secured pending release by investigating agencies.
- (10) Airspace reservation coordination offices (Air Traffic Flow Control Office), if any, have been advised of airport capabilities.
- (11) Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Office has been notified to assist with fatalities, if necessary.
- (12) Mortuary annex facilities have been identified and designated.

**6.5.3** In conjunction with mutual aid police, the airport operator should carry out the following:

- (1) Designate rendezvous points and staging areas for the inner and outer perimeters



- (2) Assign security personnel at the staging area or rendezvous point or both to escort vehicles to ensure the orderly flow of emergency personnel to the accident site, particularly the provision of escort for ambulances responding to the rendezvous point and from the staging area
- (3) Assign parking areas for escort vehicles and ambulances, giving consideration to the need for rapid deployment when dispatched
- (4) Prophylactic (preventative) medical treatment for all personnel engaged in response, investigation, and recovery
- (5) Protective clothing for those involved in investigation and recovery

**6.5.4** The airport operator also should, to the extent possible, arrange to have available the following services as could be required:

- (1) Portable emergency shelter for use by other than medical services
- (2) Lavatories
- (3) Drinking water
- (4) Ropes, barriers, and so forth
- (5) Food service
- (6) Mobile or portable lighting
- (7) Portable heating system
- (8) Cones, stakes, flags, and signs
- (9) Machinery, heavy equipment, and extraction tools
- (10) Communications equipment such as megaphones, portable telephones, and so forth
- (11) Fuel removal equipment

**6.5.5** The airport operator should provide the initial briefing for their airport PIO. The airport operator should then coordinate, as appropriate, with the PIOs of all agencies involved to provide the following:

- (1) A joint information center (JIC)
- (2) Media releases for the various media officers from the agencies involved
- (3) Briefings and statements that will be released to the media

**6.5.6** Upon concurrence of the chief fire officer, police/security chief, and the medical group supervisor, the airport operator's IC should notify all participating mutual aid organizations of termination of the airport emergency. Note that this notification might not terminate all actions and responsibilities of participating agencies.

**6.5.7** The aircraft operator representative should make arrangements for bus transportation from the accident site to the designated traumatized holding area. Transportation of the walking wounded from the scene should be permitted only after consultation with the medical group supervisor. Passengers should be under medical supervision while awaiting transportation, during transport, and at the receiving processing site.

**6.6 Action by Medical Services.** The medical group supervisor should coordinate with the medical transportation officer and medical services to perform the following actions:

- (1) Verify that mutual aid medical and ambulance services have been alerted and their subsequent arrival at the rendezvous point or staging area, and that a medical communication network is established

- (2) Determine the necessity for patient decontamination and set up a decon area if required
- (3) Organize the necessary action for triage and treatment of the casualties and their eventual evacuation by appropriate means of transportation
- (4) Provide control and dispatch of the casualties to the appropriate hospitals by land, sea, or air
- (5) Maintain an accurate list of the casualties including names, as available, and their destination for treatment
- (6) Coordinate with the airport operator and the aircraft operator concerning the transportation of the apparently uninjured to the designated holding area
- (7) Arrange for the restocking of medical supplies, if necessary
- (8) Provide medical analysis of the walking wounded or traumatized

**6.7 Action by Hospitals.** Hospitals listed in the AEP should be prepared to do the following:

- (1) Provide medical care to the casualties when they arrive
- (2) Provide doctors and trauma teams in accordance with the AEP
- (3) Ensure that adequate doctors and nurses, blood, operating rooms, intensive care, and surgical teams are available for emergency disaster situations, including aircraft accidents

#### **6.8 Action by Aircraft Operators.**

**6.8.1** An aircraft operator representative should report to the ICP to coordinate the aircraft operator activities with the IC.

**6.8.2** The aircraft operator representative should provide information regarding occupants and dangerous goods or hazardous materials on the aircraft. These materials include explosive substances, flammable liquids or gases, combustible solids, oxidizing substances, poisonous substances, radioactive materials, and corrosives. Information of this nature should be relayed as soon as possible to the chief fire officer and the medical group supervisor to assist them in determining that the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is utilized and that personnel decontamination assets are deployed if needed.

**6.8.3** The aircraft operator staff should proceed to the designated uninjured holding area. The aircraft operator representative at the uninjured holding area should appoint a receptionist, registrars, and welfare coordinators from staff who have been previously trained in these functions.

**6.8.4** The aircraft operator representative who is in command of the uninjured holding area should oversee the overall operations by making arrangements for commissary items, clothing, telephone facilities, and additional medical services if required.

**6.8.5** The receptionist should meet the transportation vehicles as they arrive from the accident scene and direct the passengers to the registrars' tables where they will be processed. The receptionist also should explain where toilet facilities, telephones, and other amenities are located. However, migration outside the holding area should be prevented until each person transported to the holding area is identified and processed according to the AEP.

**6.8.6** The registrar should record the passenger's name on the manifest and determine what reservation requirements are desired; that is, hotel accommodation, air transportation, or

other modes of transportation, and so forth, and any persons to be notified of the passenger's physical or mental condition and potential plans. The registrar then should make out an ID tag or sticker and place it on the passenger. When their registration is completed, the registrars should direct passengers to the welfare coordinators.

#### **6.8.7 Welfare Plan.**

**6.8.7.1** Welfare coordinators and mental health specialists trained in stress management should proceed with the following:

- (1) Give support and comfort to relatives and friends of persons on board the aircraft involved with the incident
- (2) Register relatives and friends waiting at the airport for information about persons on board
- (3) Provide care, comfort, and assistance to the walking injured and uninjured survivors and responding personnel (if required)
- (4) Assist in the provision and serving of refreshments to waiting relatives and friends

**6.8.7.2** The welfare plan should provide for a suitable location to carry out the functions as well as procedures for alerting and coordinating welfare organizations.

**6.8.8** The aircraft operator should provide notification of the aircraft accident to the following:

- (1) Health and welfare agencies
- (2) Customs, where applicable
- (3) Immigration, where applicable
- (4) Post office
- (5) Environmental protection agencies, where applicable

**6.8.9** A senior aircraft operator official should be responsible for the initial notification of relatives and friends at the airport. The aircraft operator should work closely with the hospitals and/or coroner to make notification to friends and/or family on the status of persons involved with the incident.

**6.8.10** News releases by aircraft operators should be prepared in conjunction with JIC.

**6.8.11\*** The aircraft operator is responsible for the removal of the wrecked or disabled aircraft as soon as authorized by the Accident Investigation Board or its designee.

**6.9 Action by Government Agencies.** The following government agencies could take appropriate action as indicated in their AEP:

- (1) Accident Investigation Agency (e.g., NTSB, AAIB, TSB)
- (2) National Aviation Administration (e.g., FAA and CAA)
- (3) Health and welfare
- (4) Post office
- (5) Customs
- (6) Immigration
- (7) Agriculture
- (8) National Transportation Security Agency
- (9) Military

#### **6.10 Action by the PIO.**

**6.10.1** All media personnel should be directed to a designated news media staging area for news media personnel authorized to cover an airport emergency. Selection of staging areas should take into consideration media needs for photography

and video transmission. In this area, the following should be provided:

- (1) Latest briefing
- (2) Communications (telephones)
- (3) Transportation service to and from the scene of the emergency, where permissible and where it will not interfere with rescue, medical treatment of casualties, and the accident investigation

**6.10.2** Only members of the news media, freelance reporters, and photographers wearing valid press-news media credentials should be admitted to the briefing area, permitted in the designated news media staging area, or transported to the scene of the emergency.

**6.10.3** In general, the official authority for news releases concerning an aircraft emergency should be one of the following:

- (1) JIC
- (2) A PIO designated by the airport operator
- (3) A representative of the aircraft operator involved
- (4) Upon assumption of jurisdiction, the lead investigative agency

**6.10.4** Under no circumstances should the news media or any other personnel not involved in life-saving or fire-fighting operations be permitted inside security lines until all rescue operations have been completed and the area has been declared safe by the chief fire officer. When establishing security lines, the interests of news coverage should be taken into account insofar as rescue operations permit.

#### **6.11 Organization Charts.**

**6.11.1** Organization charts should be prepared for each anticipated type of emergency situation, off-airport incident, on-airport incident, earthquake, or flood.

**6.11.2** These charts should depict the relationships and duties of all components of the AEP in such detail that each participating agency has a full understanding of its duties and responsibilities.

### **Chapter 7 Functions of Each Agency for an Aircraft Accident Off-Airport**

**7.1\* General.** The AEP should be implemented immediately upon an aircraft accident occurring off the airport. Responding agencies should comply with Sections 7.2 through 7.10.

#### **7.2 Action by ATC Services.**

**7.2.1\*** ATC services should initiate emergency response by using an alarm communications system as shown.

**7.2.2\*** ATC should alert the ARFF service, police and security services, airport operator, and medical services in accordance with the procedure in the AEP, giving grid map reference. Information on the location of the accident, giving grid map reference or other identifying terrain/landmark features, should be provided immediately by the ATC provider. Subsequent calls can expand this information by providing details on the number of occupants; fuel on board; aircraft operator (if known); and the presence or absence of any dangerous goods, including type, quantity, and location.

**7.2.3** If the accident location is beyond pre-established ARFF response protocols, and the fire department having jurisdiction so requests, dispatch of the ARFF service should be in accordance with the AEP and any mutual aid agreements. An appropriate NOTAM should be issued immediately if the fire-fighting protection of the airport is reduced or unavailable.

**7.2.4** The ATC provider should immediately establish restricted airspace over the immediate vicinity of the accident to facilitate evacuation of casualties by helicopter and preclude interference with emergency operations by non-emergency flights.

**7.2.5** ATC should confirm that the actions in 7.2.2, 7.2.3, and 7.2.4 were completed, utilizing preestablished checklists indicating notification time(s) and names of person(s) completing the action(s).

### **7.3 Action by ARFF Services.**

**7.3.1** A call for an aircraft accident off-airport normally is received from the ATC services, local police, or local fire departments. Designated vehicles should be sent in accordance with the existing mutual aid department agreements. The ATC provider should be advised of any reduction of airport category due to the reduction of fire cover, and the onward transmission of information to airmen should include the maximum size of aircraft the airport can accept and an example of the aircraft type.

**7.3.2** Responding airport ARFF services should do the following:

- (1) Proceed via preestablished access routes, considering vehicle weight, height, and width, to the off-airport accident site in coordination with local police/security direction
- (2) While en route, advise or request the fire department having jurisdiction over the area to provide all of the following:
  - (a) Rendezvous point or staging area or both
  - (b) Staffing and equipment responding
  - (c) Any other pertinent information
- (3) Report to the Staging Manager/Rendezvous Point Coordinator or the IC of the fire department having jurisdiction over the area to request orders

**7.3.3** Prior agreement should be made between the ARFF service and the local fire department in command and mutual aid fire departments as to who is to fight fires involving aircraft or structures or both. Additionally, there should be prior agreement as to which agency will act in command when an accident involves both an aircraft and an off-airport structure. Mutual aid fire departments and ARFF services should discuss joint risk assessment and control measures at the accident site. Procedures should be implemented to allow an airport and local fire departments to test agreed practices.

### **7.4 Action by Police/Security Services.**

**7.4.1** The first security/police officer to arrive should coordinate with the IC and, to the extent possible, immediately establish free traffic lanes on ingress and egress roads for emergency vehicles, initiate security responsibility, and request reinforcements as needed. Traffic flow and site security are the primary responsibility of police and security personnel. They should notify the appropriate communications center of the location of the accident and available means of access and egress. After

consultation with the IC, police and security personnel should initiate traffic control measures in order to aid responding emergency vehicles.

**7.4.2** Police and security personnel will be needed to handle traffic in the vicinity of the accident site and to prevent disturbance of material scattered over the site. The accident site should be cordoned off as soon as possible to exclude intruders, media, sightseers, onlookers, and souvenir hunters. Appropriate markings should be prominently displayed to advise all persons of possible hazards that can cause serious injury should they encroach on the area. Flares should not be used within 300 ft (100 m) of the accident site to prevent ignition of fuel vapors.

**7.4.3** Communications between all security checkpoints and the ICP or emergency operations center or both should be implemented as soon as possible.

**7.4.4** Appropriate means of identification, such as armbands, site passes, ID tags, or other indications of empowerment should be issued by the AHJ and monitored by the security services.

**7.4.5** Special security provisions should be made to protect the flight data and cockpit voice recorders, any mail involved, or dangerous goods that might be present. Flight crews should always be afforded specific security provisions to preclude physical attack resulting from emotional outbursts predicated upon "fault" assignment.

**7.5 Action by Emergency Medical Services.** The medical group supervisor should coordinate with the medical transportation officer and medical services to do the following:

- (1) Verify that mutual aid medical and ambulance services have been alerted and verify their subsequent arrival at the rendezvous point or staging area, and that a medical communication network is established
- (2) Organize the necessary action for triage and treatment of the casualties and their eventual evacuation by appropriate means of transportation
- (3) Provide control and dispatch of the casualties to the appropriate hospitals by land, sea, or air
- (4) Maintain an accurate list of the casualties including their names (as available) and their destination for treatment
- (5) Coordinate, with the aircraft operator involved, the transportation of the uninjured to the designated holding area
- (6) Arrange for the restocking of medical supplies, if necessary
- (7) Provide medical analysis of the walking wounded and uninjured

**7.6 Action by Hospitals.** Hospitals listed in the AEP should be prepared to do the following:

- (1) Ensure that adequate doctors and nurses and operating room, intensive care, and surgical teams are available for emergency situations, including aircraft accidents.
- (2) Provide medical care to the casualties when they arrive.
- (3) Provide trauma teams to the accident site in accordance with the AEP.
- (4) Notify coroner/medical examiner.

### 7.7 Action by Airport Operator.

**7.7.1** If previously agreed on in the airport mutual aid emergency agreement with the surrounding community, the following actions can be taken by the airport operator:

- (1) Report to the accident site
- (2) Ensure that, if required, the airport emergency operations center and the mobile command post are activated
- (3) Extend as much emergency aid as requested by the jurisdiction agency in command of the off-airport accident/incident
- (4) Notify the aircraft operator involved
- (5) Notify other agencies as required

**7.7.2** According to the mutual aid emergency agreement with the surrounding community, the airport operator can provide, if requested and if available, a part of its medical equipment (i.e., first aid equipment, stretchers, body bags, mobile shelters, etc.) and assistance at the accident site of emergency medical teams.

### 7.8 Action by Aircraft Operators.

**7.8.1** An aircraft operator representative should report to the ICP to coordinate with the IC.

**7.8.2** The aircraft operator representative should provide information regarding occupants and dangerous goods on the aircraft. These goods include explosive substances, gases, flammable liquids or solids, oxidizing substances, poisonous substances, radioactive materials, corrosives, and ordnance. Information of this nature should be relayed as soon as possible to the chief fire officer and the medical group supervisor.

**7.8.3** The aircraft operator should make arrangements with the airport for transportation from the accident site to the designated holding area. Transportation of the walking wounded from the scene should be permitted only after consultation with the medical group supervisor.

**7.8.4** The aircraft operator staff should proceed to the designated holding area. The aircraft operator representative at the holding area should appoint a receptionist, registrars, and welfare coordinators from staff who have been previously trained in these functions.

**7.8.5** The aircraft operator representative who is in command of the holding area should oversee the overall operations by making arrangements for commissary items, clothing, telephone facilities, and additional medical services if required.

**7.8.6** The receptionist should meet the transportation vehicles as they arrive from the scene of the accident and direct the passengers to the registrars' tables where they will be processed. The receptionist should know where support facilities such as toilets, telephones, clothing, and drinking water are located.

**7.8.7** The registrar should record the passenger's name on the manifest and determine what reservation requirements are desired, that is, hotel accommodation, air transportation, or other modes of transportation, and so forth, and names of any persons to be notified of the passenger's physical or mental condition and potential plans. The registrar should make out an ID tag or sticker, available from the emergency kit, and place it on the passenger. When the registration is completed, the registrars should direct the passenger to the welfare coordinators.

**7.8.8** Where necessary, the aircraft operator should provide notification of the aircraft accident to the following:

- (1) Health and welfare agencies
- (2) Customs, where applicable
- (3) Immigration, where applicable
- (4) Post office
- (5) Agriculture agencies
- (6) Environmental agency
- (7) Accident investigation board

**7.8.9** A senior aircraft operator official should be responsible for the initial notification of relatives and friends at the airport.

**7.8.10** The aircraft operator should work closely with the hospitals and/or coroner to make notification to friends and/or family on the status of persons involved with the incident.

**7.8.11** News releases by aircraft operators should be prepared in conjunction with the airport PIO and liaison officers from other agencies responding to the accident.

**7.8.12\*** The aircraft operator is responsible for the removal of the wrecked or disabled aircraft as soon as authorized by the aircraft accident investigation operator.

**7.9 Action by Government Agencies.** The following government agencies, after being notified, can be required to take appropriate action as indicated in their AEP:

- (1) Government accident investigation personnel
- (2) Health and welfare
- (3) Post office
- (4) Customs
- (5) Immigration
- (6) Agriculture
- (7) Military

### 7.10 Action by the PIO.

**7.10.1** News releases concerning an off-airport emergency should be the responsibility of the following personnel:

- (1) The representative of the aircraft operator
- (2) A PIO designated by the government operator in command
- (3) A public information representative designated by the airport operator

**7.10.2** Under no circumstances should the media or other personnel not directly involved in fire fighting, rescue, or emergency medical care be permitted inside security lines until all rescue operations have been completed and the area is declared safe for entry by the IC/chief fire officer.

## Chapter 8 Airborne Emergencies

### 8.1 Full Emergency Incident — Aircraft in Flight.

**8.1.1** The agencies involved in the AEP should be alerted to "full emergency" status when it is known that an aircraft approaching the airport is, or is suspected to be, in such trouble that there is a strong likelihood of an accident.

#### 8.1.2 Action by ATC Services.

**8.1.2.1** The ATC provider should alert the airport and provide as many of the following details as possible:

- (1) Type of aircraft



- (2) Nature of trouble
- (3) Runway to be used
- (4) Estimated time of landing
- (5) Aircraft operator, if appropriate
- (6) Fuel on board
- (7) Number of occupants, including special occupants — handicapped, immobilized, blind, deaf, and so forth
- (8) Any dangerous goods on board, including type, quantity, and location, if known
- (9) A discrete VHF (DEF) communications frequency to the IC

**8.1.2.2** The calling of the mutual aid fire department(s) and other appropriate organizations should be initiated in accordance with procedures established in the AEP.

**8.1.3 Action by Other Agencies.** The specific responsibilities and roles of the various agencies itemized in Sections 6.2 through 6.10 for responding to an aircraft accident on the airport can be applied for “full emergency” as required by local operating requirements.

## **8.2 Local Standby.**

**8.2.1** The agencies involved in the AEP should be alerted to “local standby” status when an aircraft approaching the airport is known or is suspected to have developed some defect, but the trouble is not such that would normally involve any serious difficulty in effecting a safe landing.

### **8.2.2 Action by ATC Services.**

**8.2.2.1** ATC should call the ARFF service to stand by as requested by the pilot or to stand by as local airport agreements require at the predetermined standby positions applicable to the runway to be used.

**8.2.2.2** As many of the following details as possible should be provided:

- (1) Type of aircraft
- (2) Nature of trouble
- (3) Runway to be used
- (4) Estimated time of landing
- (5) Fuel on board
- (6) Number of occupants, including special occupants — handicapped, immobilized, blind, deaf, and so on
- (7) Aircraft operator, if appropriate
- (8) Any dangerous goods or hazardous materials on board, including quantity and location, if known

## **Chapter 9 Other Emergencies**

**9.1 General.** Procedures and techniques should be developed to mitigate a threat to life or property on the airport grounds. It should be recognized that medical and fire emergencies, hazmat incidents, bomb threats, hijacking, civil disobedience, contagious diseases and natural disasters can arise at any location on the airport grounds. In airports, this problem can be severe because of the large number of persons exposed to the hazards.

**9.1.1** The diverse character of persons traveling by air suggests the need for the airport operator to arrange to have available emergency medical services to treat conditions such as cardiac arrest, abdominal pains, burns, cuts, abrasions, communicable diseases, and other medical problems. This can require immediate care facilities and detailed mutual aid plans with outside

agencies. Automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) have been shown to be effective in certain cardiac events. Strategic positioning of AEDs throughout the airport is strongly recommended.

**9.1.2** Although the ARFF service provides a commitment to assist in non-aircraft-related emergencies, attendance at those incidents should not compromise their immediate level of response to aircraft accidents or incidents.

**9.1.3** The natural disasters airports can be subjected to include storms, floods, earthquakes, and seismic sea waves. The vulnerability of an airport to any of these disasters will, in good measure, be affected by geography. While nothing can be done to avert them, there are actions that can be taken to minimize damage and expedite restoration of aircraft operations.

**9.1.4** ARFF services and the local fire department(s) should undertake a joint risk assessment of the potential hazards to the airport and establish a joint plan of action. This AEP should be reviewed annually.

**9.1.5** Development of weather patterns, prediction and tracking of storm movement, and notification to the public of the resulting potential danger will normally be carried out by a meteorological service in the area.

**9.1.6** The AEP should provide for initial protective measures, personnel shelter, and post-storm cleanup and restoration. Aircraft operations might be interrupted for several hours before the arrival of the storm and until several hours after it passes.

**9.1.7** As soon as severe storm warnings are received, all owners of aircraft based or on the ground at the airport should be notified and warnings issued to all aircraft pilots en route to the airport. Aircraft owners and pilots should be responsible for their aircraft but, if possible, all aircraft on the ground should be evacuated to airports outside the storm area. Aircraft in flight should be advised to divert to an alternative destination. Aircraft on the ground that cannot be dispersed should be put under cover or tied down so as to face into the approaching winds.

**9.1.8** Power interruptions are common during a natural disaster, either by damage to generating plants or by destruction of transmission lines. Airports located in severe storm areas should take measures to ensure minimum interruption to the power supply, either by providing standby electrical generators or dual sources of commercial power for essential functions.

**9.1.9** Personnel assignments regarding building protection should be specified in the AEP to collect or secure all loose objects that can be blown about by the winds and to fill and place sandbags if there is any possibility that the storm is accompanied by floods.

## **9.2 Sample Notification Charts.**

**9.2.1** Having an up to date, preplanned call list with vital telephone numbers can assist in rapid communication in the event of an emergency.

**9.2.2** Separate sample notification charts should be developed for each type of emergency included in the AEP. It is important that the method of notification be clearly outlined in the AEP.

**9.2.3** Telephone numbers and other contact information should be verified at least annually.

## Chapter 10 Emergency Operations Center and Mobile Command Post

**10.1 General.** The emergency operations center is a fixed designated area on the airport that is usually used in supporting and coordinating operations in accidents and incidents, such as unlawful seizure of aircraft and bomb threats. The unit should have the necessary communication equipment and personnel to communicate with the appropriate agencies involved in the emergency, including the mobile command post, where the unit is deployed. The communication and electronic devices should be checked regularly.

### 10.2 Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

**10.2.1** An EOC should be available for the purpose of dealing with emergency situations at each airport.

**10.2.2** The EOC should provide the following:

- (1) A fixed location with communications and support equipment
- (2) Support of the IC in the mobile command post
- (3) A command, coordination, and communication center for other incidents that could affect airport operations (i.e., unlawful seizure of aircraft, bomb threats, or global events affecting aviation)
- (4) Operational availability 24 hours a day

### 10.3\* Mobile Command Post. (See Figure A.10.3.)

**10.3.1** Certain emergency situations also will require a mobile command post at the scene. This mobile unit is normally provided by the airport operator and, during the emergency, is normally under the direction of the IC.

**10.3.2** The mobile command post is a point where cooperating agency representatives assemble to receive and disseminate information and make decisions pertinent to the operations. The main features of this unit are as follows:

- (1) It is a mobile facility capable of being rapidly deployed.
- (2) It serves as command, coordination, and communications center for aircraft accidents or incidents.
- (3) It is operational during aircraft accidents or incidents.

**10.3.3** In the event of any major accident or incident, a designated, recognizable, and highly visible mobile command post should be a high-priority item. The mobile command post should be established as quickly as possible and preferably with the initiation of fire control and rescue activities. It is important that a continuity of command be maintained so that each agency reporting to the mobile command post can be adequately briefed on the situation before proceeding to assume control of its individual responsibilities.

**10.3.4** The mobile command post should contain the necessary communications equipment and personnel to communicate with all agencies involved in the emergency, including the EOC. The communication and electronic devices should be checked regularly as required by local conditions.

**10.3.5** Maps, charts, and other relevant equipment and information should be immediately available at the mobile command post.

**10.3.6** The mobile command post should be easily recognizable.

**10.3.7** In some cases it might be necessary to establish a subcommand post. Where this is required, one location should be designated as an ICP with adequate communications to the subcommand post.

## Chapter 11 Communications

### 11.1 Communications Network.

**11.1.1** A coordinated communications network should be a prerequisite to any large-scale operation that involves agencies from more than one jurisdiction.

**11.1.2** A communications network should consist of a sufficient number of radio transceivers, telephones (both mobile and land line), and other communication devices to establish and maintain a primary and a secondary means of communication. These networks should link the EOC and the ICP as well as with all participating agencies as shown in Figure 12.2.

**11.1.3** The operational communications network should provide a primary and, where necessary, an alternate effective means for direct communications between the following, as applicable:

- (1) The alerting authority (e.g., control tower, flight service station, airport manager or designee, fixed-base operator, or airline office) and the ARFF units serving the airport
- (2) Air traffic control tower, flight service station, or both; the appropriate fire department alarm room/dispatch center(s); and the ARFF and medical services personnel en route to an aircraft emergency and at the accident/incident site
- (3) Appropriate mutual aid agencies located on or off the airport, including an alert procedure for all auxiliary personnel expected to respond
- (4) The ARFF vehicles, including a communications capability between crew members on each ARFF vehicle

### 11.2 Communications Equipment.

**11.2.1** It is important to provide communications equipment in sufficient quantity to ensure rapid response of personnel and equipment to an emergency. The communications equipment in 11.2.2 through 11.2.9 should be available for immediate use in the event of an emergency.

**11.2.2 Portable Radios.** A sufficient number of portable, two-way radios should be available to provide each participating agency with the ability to communicate with the ICP.

**11.2.3** Strict communication discipline should be employed to prevent jamming of emergency frequencies.

**11.2.4** Radios should be available at the ICP to provide direct communication with the aircraft or ground controllers should it become necessary. Direct communication also can be established with the pilot or the aircraft cockpit by use of cockpit-to-ground lines. This communication requires a proper connector, wire, microphone, and headset. Cooperation and coordination between the airport ARFF service and the individual air carrier(s) are needed to establish this type of communication capability. Normally this capability results from the use of a ground service headset that is plugged into a wheel-well interphone jack.

**11.2.5** A sufficient number of telephone lines (both listed and unlisted) or cellular phones should be available at the ICP to

provide direct communication with agencies outside the airport, as well as inside the airport. Direct lines save time and reduce the probability of overwhelming radio communication channels.

**11.2.6** Medical facilities and ambulances need communications capability in order to take advantage of advance life support systems within the medical community.

**11.2.7** A dedicated vehicle equipped with necessary communications equipment and self-contained electrical power is a definite asset to a good communication system. A well-equipped communications vehicle is an indispensable part of an efficient, well-managed mobile command post. Planning should always include a qualified vehicle driver/operator.

**11.2.8** Recording devices with time and date insertion units should be installed at the operations center, mobile command post, or both to ensure that all communications are recorded for later analysis. All emergency communications, including printed communication, should be recorded, maintained, and secured.

**11.2.9** Runners should be assigned to the mobile command post to augment other modes of communication. The use of runners can prove invaluable should a temporary lapse of communication occur.

### 11.3 Testing and Verification.

**11.3.1** The communications system should be tested daily to verify the operability of all radio and telephone networks.

**11.3.2** A complete and current list of interagency telephone numbers should be available to all agencies and to personnel responsible for the AEP. These phone numbers should be verified monthly to ensure that they are correct.

## Chapter 12 Command and Coordination for the AEP

### 12.1 General.

**12.1.1** Once an accident has occurred on the airport, the direction and control of ARFF operations should be the responsibility of the airport service IC. Any transition of authority and command responsibility should be established previously in the AEP and exercised accordingly. Off-airport accidents should be under the direction and control of the jurisdiction where the accident occurred.

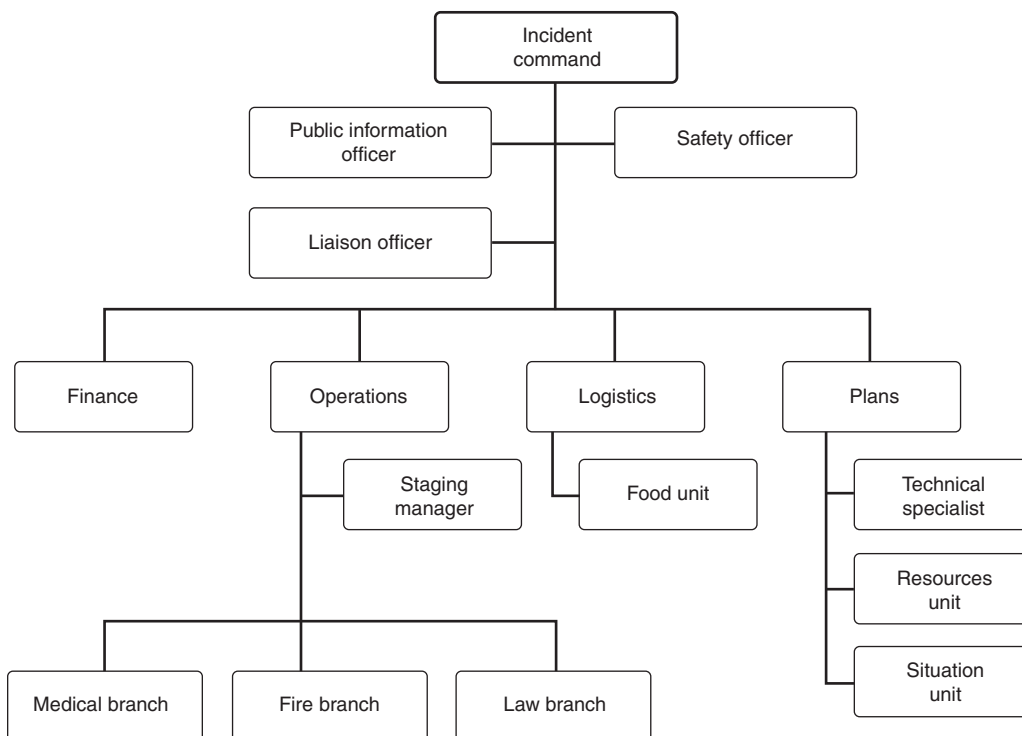
**12.1.2** The AEP should identify other responsible entities and their authority and function in the command organization.

**12.2\* ICS.** The AEP should include a scalable organizational structure that enhances management of all activities at the incident/accident site. This structure should include a description of each element of the AEP, the agency assigned to each element, and a brief summary of the authority and responsibility necessary to execute each element. A diagram of an organization chart from a typical ICS is shown in Figure 12.2.

## Chapter 13 Emergency Medical Care

### 13.1 Basis of Recommendations.

**13.1.1** These recommendations are based on the existence of an established level of emergency medical service that can be expanded into a comprehensive emergency medical system at the scene of an aircraft accident with numerous casualties. (See Annex G.)



**FIGURE 12.2 Incident Command Flow Diagram.**

**13.1.2** Responsibilities of the emergency medical system should include all aspects of medical care at the scene of an accident/incident such as triage, treatment, and transportation.

### **13.2 Emergency Medical Training of Airport Personnel.**

**13.2.1** ARFF personnel should be trained to the current emergency medical care standards as required by the AHJ.

**13.2.2** At a minimum, the subjects that should be covered in a course of instruction to enable airport personnel to function effectively in providing emergency medical services are as follows:

- (1) Define the accepted method of infection control and universal blood and body fluid precautions as prescribed for public safety workers
- (2) Demonstrate methods of decontamination, disinfection, and disposal of personal protective equipment (PPE) that has become contaminated
- (3) Explain or demonstrate the accepted procedures for single-rescuer and two-rescuer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), including adult, child, and infant procedures
- (4) Demonstrate management of an obstructed airway for a conscious and an unconscious adult, child, and infant
- (5) Demonstrate the use of a resuscitation mask in the performance of single-rescuer and two-rescuer CPR
- (6) Demonstrate a primary survey for life-threatening injuries
- (7) Identify three types of external bleeding and the characteristics of each
- (8) Demonstrate three approved methods to control external bleeding
- (9) According to severity, identify characteristics and demonstrate treatment of thermal and chemical burns
- (10) Describe and demonstrate the techniques for managing the following:
  - (a) Head injuries
  - (b) Chest injuries
  - (c) Fractures
  - (d) Spinal injuries
- (11) Describe the symptoms and demonstrate emergency treatment of the following:
  - (a) Shock
  - (b) Fainting
  - (c) Allergies
  - (d) Convulsions
  - (e) Heart attack
  - (f) Stroke
- (12) Identify the symptoms and demonstrate emergency treatment for the following:
  - (a) Ingested poisons
  - (b) Drug overdose
- (13) Identify the method of contacting the poison control center that serves the airport
- (14) Demonstrate knowledge and skill in performing abdominal thrusts
- (15) Demonstrate the correct method of splinting
- (16) Demonstrate precautions and procedures for childbirth and care of the newborn
- (17) Demonstrate recognition of common medical conditions (e.g., diabetes, pacemaker) that affect medical treatment

- (18) Demonstrate approved measures for handling emotionally disturbed persons
- (19) Demonstrate techniques for moving the injured
- (20) Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of medical triage
- (21) Demonstrate an understanding of the treatment of fatalities
- (22) Be familiar with the parameters of a simple triage and rapid transport system

### **13.3 Airport Emergency Medical Supplies and Equipment.**

**13.3.1** Sufficient medical supplies to treat the capacity of the largest aircraft normally utilizing the airport should be available on or adjacent to the airport. Adequate supplies should be kept on hand to deal with routine medical emergencies, such as, on-the-job injuries, cardiac arrest, and so forth.

**13.3.2** The type and quantity of such supplies should be determined by the principal medical authority for the airport. Recent incidents have demonstrated that the unique characteristics presented by any given location should be considered when deciding on the type and quantity of supplies to be kept available for major incidents. For instance, extremes in temperatures should be considered and appropriate supplies stockpiled. Geographical conditions, topographical conditions, or both also should be taken into consideration. The type and quantity of all medical supplies stockpiled should be determined by the agency responsible for providing emergency medical service to the airport.

**13.3.3** Stretchers, blankets, cervical collars, backboards, and body bags should be located on the airport, preferably on a suitable vehicle (e.g., trailer) that can be transported to the accident site. Blankets are needed to alleviate the victims' exposure to shock and possible adverse weather conditions. The backboards and spine boards should be of a type designed to fit through access ways and aisles of commercial and business aircraft. They should have restraining straps available so the patient can be secured to the board. A cleat should be attached to the underside of the backboard to facilitate lifting by carrying personnel.

**13.3.4** Sufficient resuscitation equipment should be available to treat smoke inhalation victims. This equipment should not be used around fuel or fuel-soaked clothing.

**13.3.5** Consideration should be given to procurement and maintenance of an inventory of equipment used to decontaminate patients (when necessary) prior to transporting them to public medical facilities. Inventory should include showers, cleaning equipment, cleaning solutions, water, and containment for contaminated fluids.

### **13.4 Airport Medical Service.**

**13.4.1** Emergency medical service should be readily available to an airport.

**13.4.1.1** Minimum considerations for level of service should include the following:

- (1) Number of passengers served
- (2) Number of persons employed at the airport
- (3) Industrial activity on airport property
- (4) Distance from adequate medical facilities



**13.4.1.2** Ideally, each airport should have a properly staffed and equipped first aid room/medical facility on site and, in addition, should arrange for the emergency response of trained medical personnel with the capability to treat serious injuries and transport those injured to proper medical facilities.

**13.4.2** The primary purpose of emergency medical services is to provide triage, stabilization, and transportation.

**13.4.3** The delivery to the accident site of trained medical personnel capable of treating and transporting injured victims of an aircraft accident is a vital component of the AEP. The AEP should establish and make all necessary legal and financial arrangements, before the accident occurs, and determine who will provide this service. These arrangements include integration with local community plans, mutual agreements, or both.

**13.4.4** Medical and ambulance services can be an integral part of the airport services, particularly the ambulance service that is, in many cases, part of the ARFF service. If medical and ambulance services are not available at the airport, prearrangements with local agencies providing these services should be made. The AEP should ensure the dispatch of a satisfactory assignment of trauma-trained emergency service medical personnel, equipment, and medical supplies. The AEP should address the location of surrounding medical facilities and the level of service each facility provides.

**13.4.5** The AEP should provide for the control of patient transport from the scene to the receiving medical facilities. The AEP's ICS should include a transportation control officer. The responsibilities of this position should include the following:

- (1) Communications with medical facilities, the central communications point, or both, for local medical facilities
- (2) Overseeing and ensuring effective priority casualty transportation to the appropriate medical facilities
- (3) All other aspects of medical transportation

**13.4.5.1** Patient transportation has proven to be a very demanding and labor-intensive responsibility that requires a minimum of three subordinate positions, including the following:

- (1) Transportation control (for routing of ambulances to and from the scene)
- (2) Transportation recorder (for documenting all patient movement)
- (3) Medical communications (for all communications regarding medical transportation)

**13.4.5.2** A fourth position, transportation team leader, also should be considered.

**13.4.6** Participating hospitals should have contingency emergency plans to provide for mobilization of necessary medical teams. The availability of qualified personnel and adequate facilities at the hospitals to deal with airport emergency situations is vital. In this respect, it should be mandatory to establish in advance an accurate list of surrounding hospitals classified according to their effective receiving capacity and specialization, for example, neurosurgery or burn treatment.

**13.4.7** The hospital's distance from the airport and its ability to receive helicopters should be considered. Reliable two-way communications should be provided between hospitals and ambulances and helicopters. The alert of an aircraft accident

should be made to a single communication controlling medical facility, which then alerts all other facilities according to the local medical communications network. Police escort vehicles and helicopters for medical staff should be provided for in the AEP.

### **13.5 Immediate Need for Care of Injured in Aircraft Accidents**

**13.5.1** In the aftermath of an aircraft accident/incident, many lives can be lost and many injuries aggravated if immediate medical attention is not provided by medically trained rescue personnel. Victims should be examined, given available emergency medical aid, and promptly transported to appropriate medical facilities.

**13.5.2** *Triage* is the sorting and classification of casualties to determine the order of priority for treatment and transportation, which is shown in Figure 13.5.2. Triage identification equipment and treatment area tarps should be color coded to identify the severity of injury to victims. Casualties should be classified into the following four categories:

- (1) Priority I, immediate care (RED)
- (2) Priority II, delayed care (YELLOW)
- (3) Priority III, minor care (GREEN)
- (4) Priority 0, deceased (BLACK)

**13.5.3** Triage should begin immediately. Qualified medical personnel should be assigned to this task. Victims are moved from the triage area to the appropriate treatment areas before definitive treatment is rendered. Casualties should be stabilized at the treatment areas and then transported to appropriate facilities. The use of colored tarps or other means to identify treatment areas should be used.

**13.5.4** Every effort should be made to ensure that Priority I casualties are treated first and receive immediate ambulance transportation priority once they are stabilized. This procedure should be the responsibility of the immediate care leader.

**13.5.5** Triage is most efficiently accomplished in place. However, the conditions of an accident scene and wind direction can demand the immediate movement of casualties before triage can be safely accomplished. In that case, the casualties should be moved the shortest distance possible, well away from fire-fighting operations, and upwind and uphill from the scene.

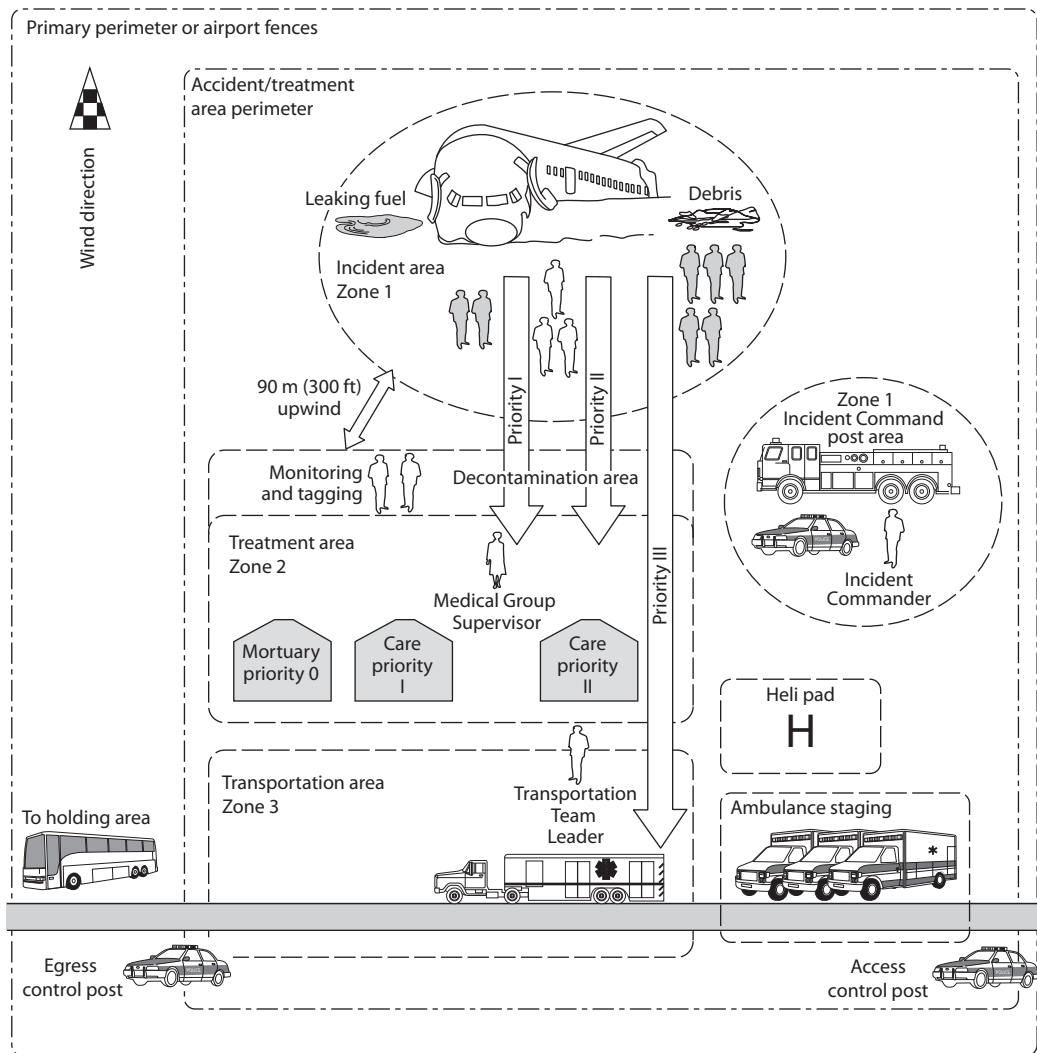
**13.5.6** Triage of casualties should include the use of casualty ID tags to aid in the sorting and transportation of the injured to hospitals. This technique is especially suited to multilingual situations.

### **13.6 Standardized Casualty ID Tags.**

**13.6.1 Need for Standardized Tags.** Casualty identification tags should be standardized through color coding and symbols to make the tags as simple as possible. Tags can help to expedite the treatment of mass casualties in a triage situation and thus permit more rapid evacuation of the injured to medical facilities.

**13.6.2 Tag Design.** Standardized tags require only minimal information, are usable under adverse weather conditions, and are water resistant. On these tags, numerals and symbols indicating medical priority classify casualties as follows:

- (1) *Priority I (Immediate Care).* RED-colored tag; roman numeral I; rabbit symbol
- (2) *Priority II (Delayed Care).* YELLOW-colored tag; roman numeral II; turtle symbol



**FIGURE 13.5.2 Triage and Medical Care at Aircraft Accident Site.**

- (3) *Priority III (Minor Care)*. GREEN-colored tag; roman numeral III; ambulance with X symbol
- (4) *Priority 0 (Deceased)*. BLACK-colored tag; spaded cross symbol

**13.6.3** If tags are unavailable, casualties can be classified using roman numerals on adhesive tape or by markings made directly on the forehead or on another exposed skin area to indicate priority and treatment needs. If marking pens are unavailable, lipstick can be used. Felt-tipped pens are not advisable as they can smear in rain, snow, and under other climatic and body conditions.

### 13.7 Care Principles.

**13.7.1** Stabilization of the seriously injured should be accomplished at the accident scene. The immediate transportation of the seriously injured before stabilization should be avoided.

**13.7.2** In accidents occurring on or adjacent to the airport, ARFF personnel are generally the first emergency personnel on the scene. It is imperative that seriously injured casualties be located and stabilized as quickly as possible. In cases where fire

control or prevention does not require the efforts of all ARFF personnel, casualty stabilization should be commenced immediately under the direction of the most qualified trauma-trained individual(s) on the scene. First response rescue vehicles should carry initial supplies of victim-care equipment.

**13.7.3** The first few minutes of medical treatment usually are aimed at stabilizing the casualties until more qualified medical care is available. When specialized trauma teams arrive, medical care should be more sophisticated.

**13.7.4** The triage procedure and subsequent medical care should be placed under the command of one authority, the designated medical group supervisor, upon arrival. Prior to arrival, the command of triage should be assumed by the designee of the IC until relieved by the predesignated medical group supervisor.

**13.7.5** The medical group supervisor should report directly to the IC and be responsible for all medical aspects of the incident. The primary function should be administrative and to oversee the treatment and transport personnel, and not as a participant of the medical group treating the injured.

**13.7.6** For distinctive and easy identification, the medical group supervisor should wear a standard distinctive uniform. In addition, the AEP should provide for a highly visible vest, or other apparel, with reflective lettering, front and back, that reads, “MEDICAL GROUP SUPERVISOR,” or other appropriate lettering, given the terminology used in the AEP.

**13.7.7 Care of Priority I “Immediate” (Red) Casualties.** This type of casualty includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- (1) Major hemorrhages
- (2) Severe smoke inhalation
- (3) Asphyxiating thoracic and cervico-maxillo-facial injuries
- (4) Cranial trauma with coma and rapidly progressive shock
- (5) Open fractures and compound fractures
- (6) Extensive burns (more than 30 percent)
- (7) Crush injuries including internal organs
- (8) Any type of shock
- (9) Spinal cord injuries

**13.7.8 Care of Priority II “Delayed” (Yellow) Casualties.** This type of casualty includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- (1) Nonasphyxiating thoracic trauma
- (2) Closed fractures of the extremities
- (3) Limited burns (less than 30 percent)
- (4) Cranial trauma without coma or shock
- (5) Injuries to soft parts

**13.7.9** Care of casualties sustaining injuries that do not need emergency medical treatment to sustain life can be delayed until Priority I casualties are stabilized. Transportation of Priority II casualties should be performed following appropriate care given on site.

**13.7.10 Care of Priority III “Minor” (Green) Casualties.** This type of casualty involves minor injuries only. Certain accidents/incidents will occur where passengers have either minor injuries or no injuries, or where they appear to be uninjured. Because this type of casualty can interfere with other priorities and operations, it is important that these passengers be transported away from the accident/incident site to the designated holding area where they can be re-examined.

**13.7.11** It is important that provisions be made for Priority III casualty care, comfort, and identification. This service should be provided through the aircraft operator, where involved, airport operations, or international relief organizations (Red Cross, etc.). Specific treatment areas such as an empty hangar, a designated area in a passenger terminal, a fire station, or other available sites of adequate size (hotel, school, etc.) should be predesignated for this purpose. Any such area selected should be equipped with heating or cooling systems, electric light and power, water, and toilet facilities. Adequate telephones should also be available. A number of such preselected sites should be chosen so that when an accident occurs, the most convenient site in regard to travel distance and space needs (number of casualties involved) can be selected. All aircraft operator personnel and airport tenants should know the location of such designated facilities.

### 13.8 Control of the Flow of the Injured.

**13.8.1** The injured should pass through five areas that should be carefully located and easily identified (see Figure 13.5.2). The five areas are as follows:

- (1) *Collection Area.* The location where initial collection of the seriously injured from the aircraft or debris is accomplished. The need for the establishment of this area will depend on the type of accident and the circumstances surrounding the accident site. Custody of casualties is normally transferred from fire rescue personnel to medical services at this point.
- (2) *Triage Areas.* The triage areas should be located at least 90 m (300 ft) upwind of the accident site if fire and smoke is imminent. If necessary, more than one triage area should be established.
- (3) *Decontamination Area.* A location where patients will be processed to remove chemical, etiological, biological, or radioactive matter to prevent contamination of modes of transportation or medical treatment facilities. This process should be conducted by a specifically identified team in a separate area away and downwind from the care area.
- (4) *Care Area.* Initially, this will be a single care area only. Subsequently, the care area should be subdivided into three subareas according to the three categories of injured; that is, immediate care (Priority I), delayed care (Priority II), and minor care (Priority III). Care areas can be identified by colored traffic cones, bicycle flags, or colored blankets (red to denote “Immediate”; yellow, “Delayed”; and green, “Minor”).
- (5) *Transportation Area.* A transportation area for the recording, dispatching, and evacuation of survivors should be located between the care area and the egress road. Only one transportation area is normally required; however, if there is more than one transportation area it is essential to have communication between them.

**13.8.2** In remote areas, where transportation to appropriate medical facilities will be delayed, or where climatic conditions dictate, consideration should be given to the provision of mobile quarters for the stabilization and medical treatment of immediate care and delayed care casualties. Ideally, these quarters should be operational upon arrival or in less than one half hour. The design should therefore permit rapid response to the site and rapid activation to receive casualties. [See 3.3.19, *Mobile Emergency Hospital (MEH)*.]

### 13.9 Medical Care of Ambulatory Survivors.

**13.9.1** The aircraft operator (where involved), the airport operator, or other predesignated agency selected for the purpose should be available to perform the following:

- (1) Select from among the predesignated passenger holding areas designated in the AEP the most suitable area for the particular emergency.
- (2) Provide for the transportation of uninjured passengers from the accident site to the designated holding area.
- (3) Arrange for emergency medical personnel to examine and treat apparently uninjured passengers.
- (4) Interview uninjured passengers and record their names, addresses, and phone numbers, and where they can be reached for the next 72 hours.
- (5) Notify relatives or next of kin where deemed necessary.
- (6) Coordinate efforts with the designated welfare agency (Red Cross, etc.).
- (7) Provide security from unauthorized interference by persons not officially connected with the rescue operation in progress.

**13.9.2** Prearrangements should be made for immediate transportation by bus or by other suitable means of the walking

wounded and uninjured from the accident site to the designated holding area. This transportation should be implemented automatically following notification of the emergency. Emergency medical personnel should accompany these survivors to the designated holding area. Each and every passenger should be examined for shock and smoke inhalation. Cold or inclement weather can require additional provisions for the passengers' protection and comfort.

**13.9.3** Occupants evacuating an aircraft might have been barefoot when evacuation slides were used and also might be without proper wearing apparel. Prior planning should recognize this potentiality, and emergency footwear, eyeglasses, clothing, and blankets should be available to remedy this situation. If the aircraft accident occurred in water or in a marshy area, survivors will be wet and uncomfortable. If such a potential exists, it might be necessary to establish a special designated staging area where survivors can be stabilized prior to transporting them to the normal holding area and to preplan provision for blankets and temporary protective clothing to prevent hypothermia.

## Chapter 14 Care of Fatalities

### 14.1 Care Prior to Site Investigation.

**14.1.1** Airport fire fighters and other rescue personnel should understand the basic need for and the techniques and procedures used in aircraft accident investigation. Wherever possible, the wreckage should remain undisturbed until the arrival of the appropriate investigating agency.

**14.1.2\*** The concept of preservation of evidence should be applied at an aircraft accident site. It is important to realize that an undisturbed site can produce the most reliable evidence for determining cause and corrective action that would help prevent a similar incident in the future. The AEP should include contingencies that address management of the deceased at the scene of the emergency that coordinates with plans established by the coroner/medical examiner and local authorities (law enforcement). The AEP needs to designate the person responsible for contacting and coordinating with the coroner/medical examiner. The coordination of the AEP and the coroner/medical examiner's plan is essential.

**14.1.3** Areas immediately surrounding the location of the deceased should be completely secured. Areas where a large number of fatalities or dismembered remains are located should be left undisturbed until the arrival of the medical examiner or coroner (or their representative) and the Accident Investigation Board investigator or his or her designee. The coroner/medical examiner normally manages issues related to documenting the remains and conducting identification.

**14.1.4** If it becomes necessary to move human remains, wreckage, or personal effects, photographs, video, or both should be taken showing their relative position within the wreckage and their respective positions prior to removal. In addition, tags should be affixed to each body or part of the wreckage that was displaced, and corresponding stakes or tags should be placed where they were found in the wreckage. A journal should be kept of all tags issued. Special precautions should be taken to avoid disturbing anything in the cockpit area. Should any control be displaced, photographs, video, drawings, or notes should be taken.

**14.1.5** Extrication of the deceased and removal of personal effects prior to the arrival of the coroner or appropriate authority should be performed only when necessary to prevent their destruction by fire or for similar compelling reasons. If bodies must be moved, previously mentioned precautions and documentation should apply. Provisions should be made to obtain body bags or other containers to hold and transport remains and personal effects.

**14.1.6** Body bags should be made of heavy-duty vinyl, have a C-zipper, and comply with bloodborne pathogen requirements. Body bags are normally available from major local suppliers of caskets, from funeral directors and their equipment and supply firms, and from nearby military facilities. Stocks of body bags at each airport are desirable. For fragmentary remains, smaller biohazard bags can be used.

### 14.2 Care after Site Examination.

**14.2.1\*** Body identification and determination of cause of death should be conducted only by the local medicolegal authority. Remains are not identified at the scene; rather, they are stored and examined in a facility where proper forensic methods can be used. This operation is generally conducted with the cooperation of forensic teams and other specialists. Forensic teams may consist of law enforcement officials, pathologists, radiologists, odontologists, fingerprint experts, anthropologists, DNA experts, and funeral directors.

**14.2.2** Accidents that produce a large number of fatalities can overload normal morgue facilities. In these types of accidents a mortuary annex needs to be established. The mortuary annex should be isolated in an area remote from places where relatives, media, or the general public have access. Strict security measures need to be taken and enforced. The mortuary annex ideally should contain electricity, running water, a closed drainage system, nonporous flooring, adequate ventilation, and enough floor space to accommodate complete morgue operations. An area of approximately 4000 square feet is usually adequate for this purpose. A remote airport hangar or maintenance facility often makes an excellent mortuary annex. In areas where delay or temperature can contribute to the deterioration of tissue, refrigerated storage needs to be available. Typically, refrigerated, metal-lined, generic semitrailers are used for this purpose. The mortuary annex should consist of areas devoted to postmortem examination (reception), radiology, pathology, odontology, anthropology, fingerprint collection (FBI), DNA collection, and funeral directors. The postmortem examination area consists of registration, collection, cataloguing, and storage of personal effects.

**14.2.3\*** The victim identification process is thorough, deliberate, and based on proven scientific methods. As a rule, personal effects removed from the remains are considered to be a presumptive method of identification that is used to determine who the deceased might be. Positive victim identification requires comparison of antemortem (before death) records and samples, such as dental and medical X-rays, with similar information collected from the remains. Antemortem information and records are obtained through interviews with family members and by contacting the dentist and doctor of the deceased. Exact matches of unique biological characteristics found in both the antemortem and postmortem records leads to a positive identification. Such methods include comparison of dental records and radiographs; comparison of fingerprints; comparison of bone structure in radiographs; comparison of healed fractures to radiographs; tattoos and other skin mark-



ings; unique medical features, such as implants/prosthetics; and comparison of DNA. This victim identification process must be followed to positively identify the remains of the deceased. Because the victim identification process involves notification of the next of kin, the AEP should establish a protocol for contacting the next of kin for support and coordination of travel to a Family Assistance Center. Family members often travel to the accident site to receive information about the accident and to obtain the remains of the deceased. In the U.S., the NTSB is required by federal law to coordinate information and services provided to family members. The air carrier is responsible for establishing the Family Assistance Center and transporting family members to the Center, where they will gather to obtain information about the accident, provide information for victim identification, and receive support services. The Center should be staffed with Red Cross volunteers, air carrier employees, clergy, and members of a DMORT. The Family Assistance Center should be located at a site remote from the accident scene and the investigation. If possible, the Center should be located at a site removed from the press and the general public. Locating the Center in the same hotel where accident investigators are staying is generally not suitable. All efforts to work with the next of kin of the deceased concerning victim identification issues should be managed through the coroner/medical examiner's office. Where needed, DMORT will handle coordination with family members.

**14.2.4\*** The accident investigation team generally has the authority to require autopsies and toxicological analyses on crew members. In certain cases, they may ask that autopsies be conducted on passengers and ground fatalities. Normally, the local coroner/medical examiner will autopsy any remains they deem necessary. Decisions regarding autopsy will be made before remains are released from the morgue.

**14.2.5** As soon as is practical after the emergency, all participants in the fire-fighting and rescue effort should be debriefed. Their observations should be recorded by the proper authorities. Sketches, diagrams, photographs, films, and tape and video recordings made on the accident site, as well as appropriate details on the tagging of bodies and parts of the wreckage removed from their positions, can be requested by the investigative authorities.

**14.2.6** Close coordination between airport officials, local medicolegal authorities (coroner/medical examiner), and disaster service organizations (e.g., Red Cross) is essential to assure an effective and efficient operation. The chain of command and jurisdictional issues need to be clearly resolved and understood prior to an aviation accident.

## Chapter 15 AEP Exercise

### 15.1 Emergency Plan Exercise.

**15.1.1** The purpose of an AEP exercise is to test the adequacy of the following:

- (1) AEP and related procedures
- (2) Response of all personnel involved
- (3) Emergency equipment and communications
- (4) Command structure and lines of authority

**15.1.2** It is important that the AEP contain procedures requiring testing of the AEP to correct as many deficiencies as possible and to familiarize all personnel and agencies concerned

with the roles and responsibilities of each participant in the AEP.

### 15.2 Need for and Types of AEP Drills.

**15.2.1** The AEP should be subject to full-scale emergency exercises to test all facilities and associated agencies at intervals of about 1 year. The exercise should be followed by a full debriefing, critique, and analysis. Representatives of all organizations participating in the exercise also should actively participate in the preparation for the exercise and the final critique.

**15.2.2** It is important that small-scale simulated emergency exercises be held at more frequent intervals than the full-scale emergency exercise. These more frequent exercises should be aimed at testing and reviewing the response of individual participating agencies, such as the ARFF service, as well as other parts of the AEP, such as the communications system.

**15.2.3** It is desirable that, in addition to the full-scale and simulated emergency exercises, a "tabletop" exercise involving the AEP coordinating committee be held at least annually, but not coincidentally with any of the emergency exercises in 15.2.2.

**15.2.4** A liaison program should be implemented with the emergency services surrounding the airport, with regular direct points of contact established.

### 15.3\* Planning for Full-Scale Emergency Exercises.

**15.3.1** The first step in planning full-scale emergency exercises should be to have the support of all airport and community authorities concerned.

**15.3.2** Each agency head should be thoroughly familiar with the AEP and should develop a plan for his or her department in coordination with the AEP. The agency heads should meet regularly to develop an understanding of each agency's respective roles, responsibilities, and requirements to enhance cooperation with other agencies.

**15.3.3** An aircraft representative of the largest aircraft using the airport should be sought for the full-scale emergency exercise, to add realism to the exercise and to familiarize participants with the problem of removing casualties from aircraft. If an aircraft is not available, a bus or similar large vehicle can be used.

**15.3.4** The emergency exercises should be held in locations that will provide maximum realism while ensuring minimum disruption to the operations of the airport or the orderliness of the community.

**15.3.5** At least 120 days prior to the scheduled full-scale emergency exercise, a meeting of all key supervisory personnel of principal participating agencies should be called by the authority in charge. At this time, the aims of the exercise should be outlined, a scenario formulated, work tasks assigned, and duties of all agencies and personnel defined. A suggested time schedule and checklist are as follows:

- (1) *120 Days Prior:* Organizational meeting of supervisory personnel of participating agencies. Aims outlined, scenario formulated, work tasks assigned, emergency plan coordinators selected. Schedule tests of all communication systems.
- (2) *90 Days Prior:* First progress report on arrangements.
- (3) *70 Days Prior:* First meeting of all participating agencies (individual committee representatives).

- (4) *60 Days Prior.* Complete arrangements for full-scale emergency exercise site or staging area. Written scenario completed.
- (5) *50 Days Prior.* Training for moulage team begins. Second meeting of the individual committee representatives. A moulage chairperson can be selected from hospitals, ARFF personnel, civil defense, military personnel, and so forth.
- (6) *40 Days Prior.* Arrangements completed for transportation, feeding, stretcher bearers, and volunteer workers.
- (7) *30 Days Prior.* Third meeting of the individual committee representatives. A preliminary “warm-up” communications exercise is held.
- (8) *21 Days Prior.* Fourth meeting of the individual committee representatives. Make-up team training and arrangements completed for volunteer casualties.
- (9) *14 Days Prior.* Final meeting and briefing for all participants, including critique team.
- (10) *7 Days Prior.* Final meeting of supervisory personnel to review assignments.
- (11) *Day of Exercise.*
- (12) *1–7 Days After.* A critique following the exercise so that all participants can hear the observers’ reports.
- (13) *30 Days After.* The supervisory personnel meet to review written critiques submitted by observers and participants and revise procedures to correct mistakes and shortcomings indicated in the exercise.

**15.3.6** In preparing the scenario, the use of real names of aircraft operators and types of aircraft should be avoided, which will prevent any possible embarrassment to companies or agencies involved in civil aviation.

**15.3.7** In order to obtain the maximum benefit from a full-scale emergency exercise, it is important to review the entire proceedings. An observer critique team comprised of members who are familiar with mass casualty accident proceedings should be organized. A chairperson of the team should be appointed and should be present at all meetings. The team should be present at the final organizational meeting (7 days prior to the exercise) and, in coordination with the authority in charge, ensure that significant problems are incorporated into the exercise. Each member of the critique team should observe the entire exercise and complete the appropriate emergency exercise critique forms.

#### **15.4 Review of the Airport Emergency Plan Drill.**

**15.4.1** Experience has shown that quite often the findings during an exercise or an actual emergency necessitate changes to the provisions set forth in the AEP.

**15.4.2\*** A critique and review of the procedures followed by the participants during an emergency exercise or an actual accident/incident should be scheduled as soon as all data can be acquired from all agencies. This critique should be held not more than 7 days after the exercise or emergency.

**15.4.3** The airport operator should make every effort to contact other airport authorities involved in actual aircraft accidents and those who have conducted full-scale emergency exercises to acquire data and procedures to correct and upgrade their AEP.

## **Annex A Explanatory Material**

*Annex A is not a part of the recommendations of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only. This annex contains explanatory material, numbered to correspond with the applicable text paragraphs.*

**A.3.1** A wide variety of terms are in use throughout the world to describe facilities, procedures, and services related to airports. Wherever possible, the terms used in this guide are those that have the widest international use and the meanings given in Chapter 3.

**A.3.2.1 Approved.** The National Fire Protection Association does not approve, inspect, or certify any installations, procedures, equipment, or materials; nor does it approve or evaluate testing laboratories. In determining the acceptability of installations, procedures, equipment, or materials, the authority having jurisdiction may base acceptance on compliance with NFPA or other appropriate standards. In the absence of such standards, said authority may require evidence of proper installation, procedure, or use. The authority having jurisdiction may also refer to the listings or labeling practices of an organization that is concerned with product evaluations and is thus in a position to determine compliance with appropriate standards for the current production of listed items.

**A.3.2.2 Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).** The phrase “authority having jurisdiction,” or its acronym AHJ, is used in NFPA documents in a broad manner, since jurisdictions and approval agencies vary, as do their responsibilities. Where public safety is primary, the authority having jurisdiction may be a federal, state, local, or other regional department or individual such as a fire chief; fire marshal; chief of a fire prevention bureau, labor department, or health department; building official; electrical inspector; or others having statutory authority. For insurance purposes, an insurance inspection department, rating bureau, or other insurance company representative may be the authority having jurisdiction. In many circumstances, the property owner or his or her designated agent assumes the role of the authority having jurisdiction; at government installations, the commanding officer or departmental official may be the authority having jurisdiction.

**A.3.3.1 Airborne Emergency.** The seriousness of these emergencies can be defined by using alert status guidelines stated in FAA terms, and aircraft emergencies for which services may be required, as defined in the International Civil Aviation Organization's *Airport Services Manual*, Part 1, “Rescue and Fire Fighting.”

**A.3.3.4 Aircraft Incident.** An incident does not result in serious injury to persons or substantial damage to aircraft.

**A.3.3.8 Airport Manager.** The manager can have administrative control over aircraft rescue and fire-fighting services, but normally does not exercise authority over operational fire and rescue matters.

**A.3.3.17 Incident Commander (IC).** Per A.3.3.37 in NFPA 472, the IC has overall authority and responsibility for conducting and managing all incident operations.

**A.4.1.4** For each emergency involving the AEP, personnel should be able to provide descriptions or identify the following:

- (1) Describe the chain of command and command authority at incidents both on and off the airport

- (2) Identify the personnel associated with each responsibility in the incident command system
- (3) Describe the procedures for the change of command during any phase of the emergency
- (4) Identify and describe other agencies involved, including the role, responsibility, and authority of each
- (5) Describe, in general, various personnel duties and responsibilities under the AEP
- (6) Describe the incident command structure in use at the airport and how this structure interfaces with external mutual-aid organizations

**A.5.2** The opening or closing of an airfield or portion thereof is the responsibility of the airport operator. However, in the fast developing dynamics that occur immediately after an accident or incident, the airport operator may not be in the best position to assess the situation and make a decision whether to continue operations or close the airfield. To ensure the safety of airfield operations, it might be beneficial to establish procedures with the ATC tower that give the authority for closing the airfield to controllers under defined circumstances and guidelines. This task can be accomplished through a Letter of Agreement with the ATC Tower. Such procedures must provide safeguards to ensure that airport operations are continued or resumed only after it is determined that there is not an adverse effect on persons or property on the airfield and that appropriate level of ARFF coverage is available. In addition, operations should resume only after the following conditions:

- (1) Only after it can be ascertained that the rescue and evacuation activities associated with the event will not be impacted negatively by resumption of airfield operation.
- (2) The accident event does not pose a hazard to the resumption of airfield operations.

Because these kinds of plans must be formulated as part of the AEP for the airport and require cooperation and coordination of various airport interests, the importance of advance preparation cannot be overemphasized.

Additionally, the emergency declarations associated with preflight and postflight aircraft operations, maintenance, and servicing are generally referred to as *aircraft ground emergencies*.

**A.5.3.1** For a comprehensive description of training and skills required see NFPA 1003.

**A.5.4.2** The first security officer to arrive should assume security responsibility, survey the scene, and request reinforcements as needed. This security officer should remain until relieved by the appropriate security authority with jurisdiction over the area.

Security personnel and police will be needed to handle traffic, to keep unauthorized personnel from the crash site, and to assume custody of personal effects removed from the aircraft.

Appropriate security provisions are necessary to protect any mail involved and any dangerous goods that might be present.

The emergency site should be cordoned off as soon as possible to exclude unauthorized persons. Appropriate markings should be prominently displayed to advise all persons of possible hazards that can cause serious injury should they encroach on the area.

Visible identification should be issued by the controlling authority and monitored by the security coordinator and his or her team.

**A.5.8.1** Table A.5.8.1 provides data for some common aircraft.

**A.5.15.1** The close proximity of an airport to surrounding communities and the possibility of an off-airport aircraft accident give rise to the need for mutual aid emergency agreements.

A mutual aid emergency agreement should specify initial notification and response protocols.

Mutual aid emergency agreements should be prearranged and duly authorized. A sample of a letter of emergency mutual aid agreement is shown in Figure A.5.15.1. (*See also Annex F, "Sample Mutual Aid Agreement," of NFPA 402 .*) Should more complicated jurisdictional or multiagency agreements be necessary, the airport operator may have to act as the coordinating agency. This annex entry contains guidelines compiled to assist with the preparation of mutual aid emergency agreements with local fire departments for accidents occurring on and off the airport.

*Procedure for Local Fire Department(s) — Aircraft Accident On-Airport.* The following steps should occur:

- (1) A call to an aircraft accident on the airport will normally be received from ATC services.
- (2) The mutual aid fire department(s) should report to the rendezvous point or staging area on arrival at the airport. Escort by airport police/security should be provided from the rendezvous point or staging area to the accident site.
- (3) Upon arrival at the accident site, the following should occur:
  - (a) The senior officer of the airport ARFF service receiving mutual aid should have full authority at the scene, unless other laws or agreements contradict this statement.
  - (b) Fire department mutual aid communications should be carried out on the predesignated communications channel.
  - (c) Communications transmissions should be prefaced by a call sign.

*Procedure for Local Fire Department(s) — Aircraft Accident Off-Airport.* The following steps should occur:

- (1) A call to an aircraft accident off-airport will normally be received from ATC services or police. If that is not the case, the local fire department should notify ATC services or police via radio or telephone that an accident has occurred, giving the approximate location on the grid map.
- (2) Upon arrival at the accident site, the local fire department should perform the following:
  - (a) Ensure that the mutual aid emergency agreement is initiated.
  - (b) Establish an ICP. (This post can be temporary until the airport operator mobile command post is available and operative.)
  - (c) Ensure that all communications are on the designated aircraft accident channel.
- (3) The local fire department should provide the following information to ATC services or police:
  - (a) Exact location of the accident site
  - (b) Location of the ICP
  - (c) Specific location/rendezvous points on the grid map to which fire units should respond
  - (d) Any request for specialized equipment, if necessary

Table A.5.8.1 Aircraft Data

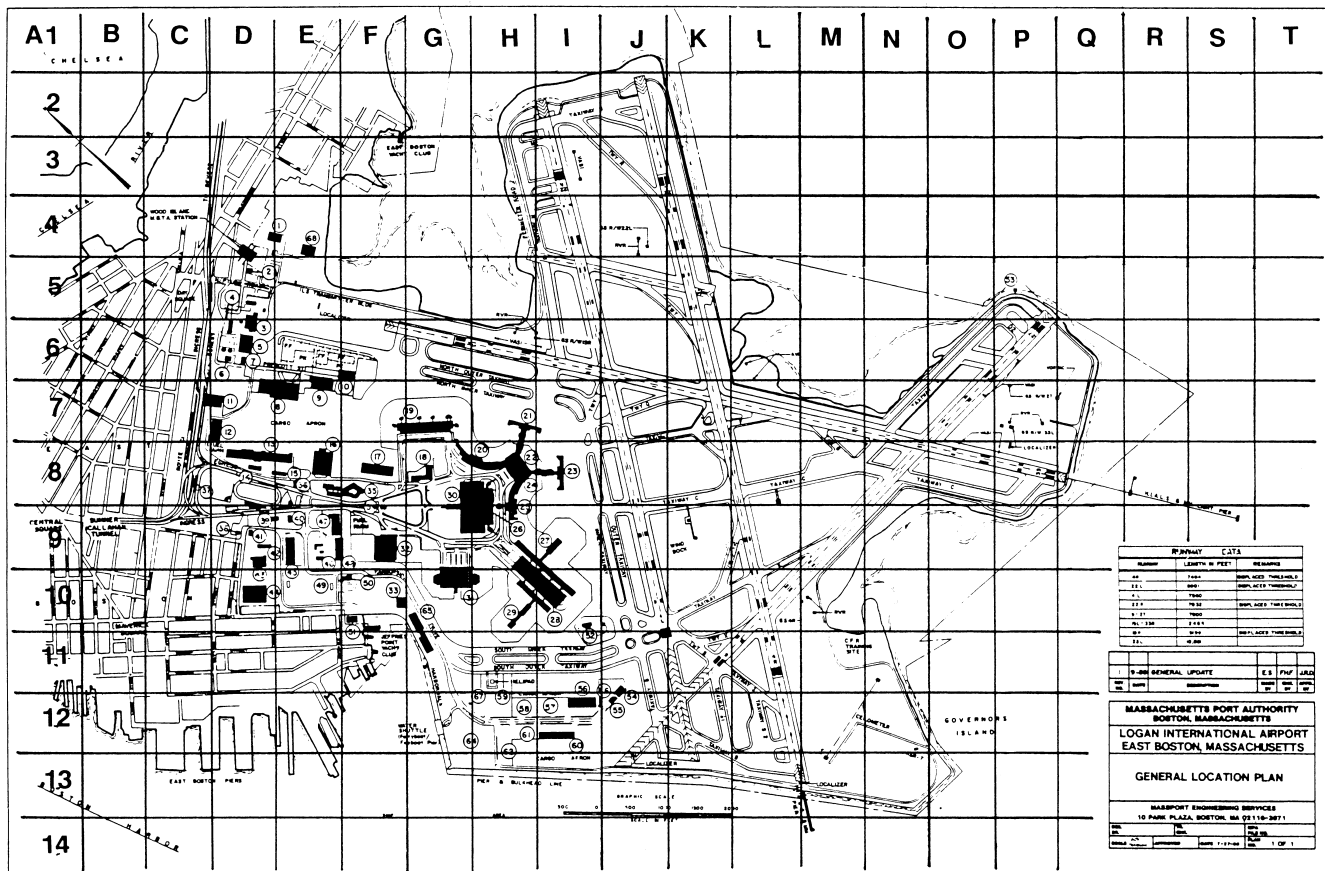
Aircraft Type	Span		Length		Gross Weight	
	m	ft	m	ft	kg	lb
Airbus						
A-318	34.1	111.87	31.44	103.1	59,000	130,070
A-319	34.1	111.87	33.84	111	64,400	141,980
A-300	44.83	147.08	54.05	177.3	165,016.8	363,800
A-310	43.89	144	46.66	153.1	138,617.7	305,600
A-320	33.91	111.25	37.57	123.3	73,481.1	162,000
A-321	34.1	111.25	44.51	146	89,000	196,210
A-330-200	60.3	197.83	58.82	192.9	230,000	507,060
A-330-300	60.3	197.83	63.69	208.9	230,000	507,060
A-340-300	60.3	197.83	63.69	208.9	275,000	606,270
A-340-500	63.45	208.16	67.93	222.8	372,000	820,120
A-340-600	63.45	208.16	75.36	247.2	368,000	811,300
A-350-800	64.75	212.43	60.54	198.6	248,000	546,750
A-350-900	64.75	212.43	66.89	219.4	268,000	590,840
A-350-1000	64.5	211.61	73.88	242.3	298,000	656,980
A-380	79.75	261.64	72.72	238.58	560,000	1,234,588
Antonow An-22	64.31	211	50.9	167	226,796	500,000
Antonow An-225	88.39	290	84	275.58	600,000	1,322,750
ATR 72	27	88.58	27.15	89.08	20,003.41	44,100
Beechcraft 1900	16.61	54.5	17.63	57.83	7,529.627	16,600
Beechcraft King Air 350	17.65	57.92	14.23	46.67	6,803.88	15,000
Boeing 727	32.92	108	46.69	153.17	86,636.07	191,000
Boeing 737-300	28.86	94.67	36.42	119.5	63,049.29	139,000
Boeing 737-600	34.3	112.7	31.2	102.6	66,000	145,500
Boeing 737-700	34.3	112.7	33.6	110.4	70,080	154,500
Boeing 737-800	34.3	112.7	39.5	129.6	79,010	174,200
Boeing 737-900 ER	34.3	112.7	42.1	138.2	85,130	187,700
Boeing 747-400	64.31	211	70.64	231.75	394,625	870,000
Boeing 757	38	124.67	47.32	155.25	108,862.10	240,000
Boeing 767-200 ER	47.6	156.1	48.5	159.2	179,170	395,000
Boeing 767-300 ER	47.57	156.08	54.94	180.25	186,880	412,000
Boeing 767-400 ER	51.9	170.4	61.3	201.4	204,120	450,000
Boeing 777-200	60.9	199.11	63.7	209.1	247,200	545,000
Boeing 777-300	60.9	199.11	73.9	242.4	299,370	660,000
Boeing 787-8	60	197	57	186	227,930	502,500
Boeing 787-9	60	197	63	206	247,208	545,000
Boeing DC 10-40	50.37	165.25	55.02	180.5	259,454.6	572,000
Boeing MD-11	51.59	169.25	61.16	200.67	273,289.2	602,500
Boeing MD-88	32.82	107.67	45.03	147.75	67,812	149,500
Casa CN-235	25.76	84.5	21.34	70	14,399.73	31,746
Cessna Citation 5	16.28	53.42	14.83	48.67	7,302.831	16,100
DeHavilland Dash 8	25.91	85	22.25	73	15,648.92	34,500
Grumman Gulfstream 4	23.67	77.67	26.9	88.25	33,384.37	73,600
Ilyushin IL-86	48.31	158.5	58.45	191.75	187,605.7	413,600
Lockheed L-1011-500	50.06	164.25	50.04	164.17	228,610.4	504,000
Short 360	22.81	74.83	21.59	70.83	11,793.39	26,000
Tupolev Tu-154	37.54	123.17	47.91	157.17	90,015.33	198,450



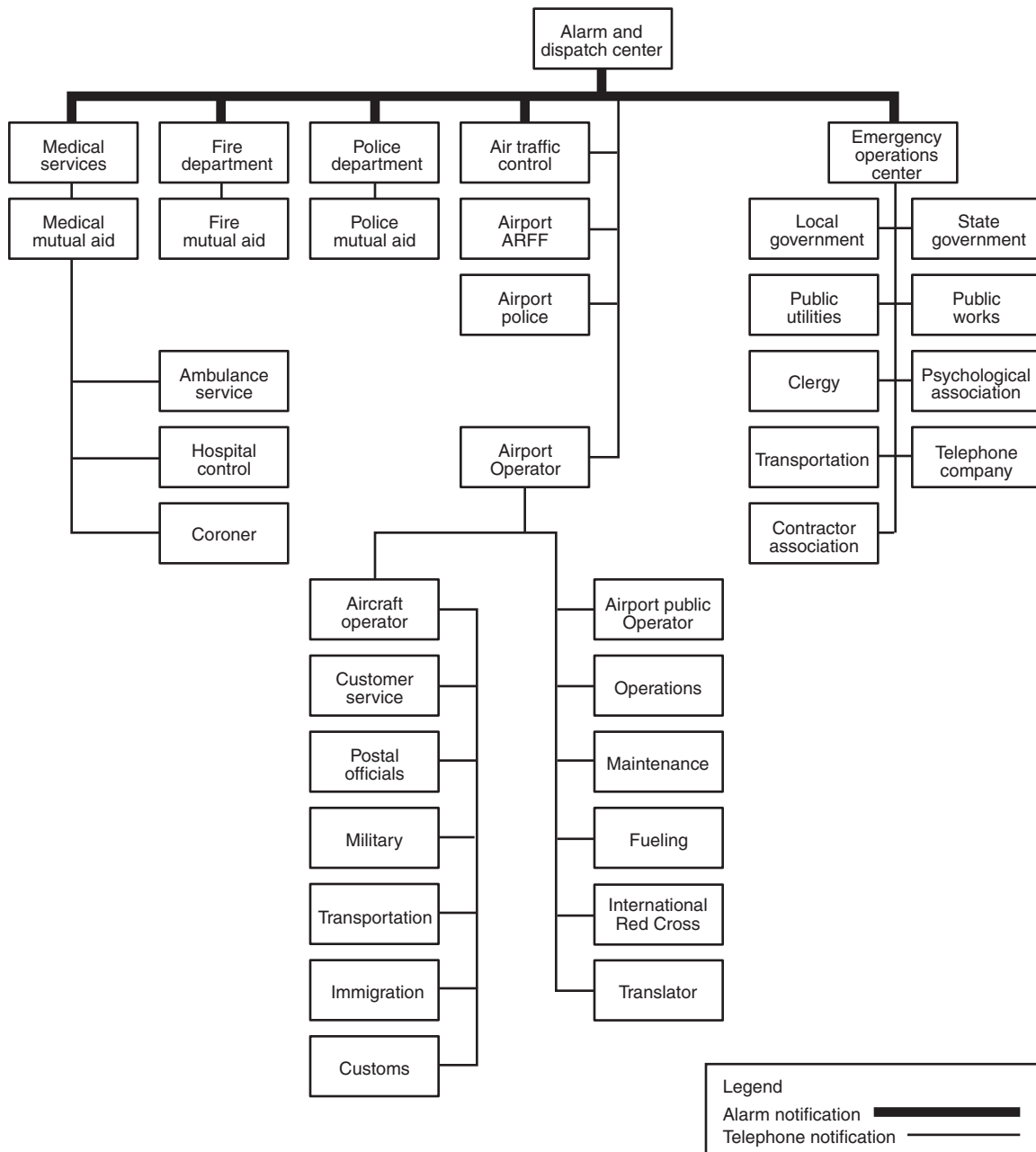


**A.14.2.4** The NTSB under the Independent Safety Board Act of 1974 and 49 CFR 831.10 can order autopsies and other tests to be performed where necessary to investigate an accident. The need for these tests should be determined as early in the process as possible and prior to the release of the bodies. The NTSB is authorized to obtain, with or without reimbursement, a copy of the report of autopsy performed by state or local officials on any person who dies as a result of having been involved in a transportation accident within the jurisdiction of the Board. The investigator-in-charge, on behalf of the Board, may order an autopsy or seek other tests of such persons as may be

**A.15.4.2** Figure A.15.4.2 shows an emergency exercise critique form.



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**FIGURE A.7.2.1 Sample Notification Chart — Aircraft Accident Off-Airport.**



FIGURE A.7.2.2 Typical Municipal Grid Map.



FIGURE A.10.3 Mobile Command Post.

### EMERGENCY EXERCISE CRITIQUE FORM XYZ (INTERNATIONAL) AIRPORT

Person performing critique \_\_\_\_\_

#### General

1. Date and time of emergency \_\_\_\_\_
2. Emergency location \_\_\_\_\_
3. Type of emergency \_\_\_\_\_

#### Rescue Operations

Person performing critique \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

4. Time of emergency notification \_\_\_\_\_
- 5A. First agency or individual to arrive at emergency \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Time of arrival \_\_\_\_\_
- 6A. Arrival time of airport rescue fire fighting service at emergency \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Approximate number of fire personnel at site \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Time and type of first fire protection action (foam, dry chemical, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7A. Time first casualty evacuated from airport \_\_\_\_\_
- B. How evacuated \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Number of casualties evacuated from inside aircraft \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Time last casualty evacuated from aircraft \_\_\_\_\_
- Comments: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8A. Number of injured \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Number of noninjured \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Number of dead \_\_\_\_\_
- 9A. Time first casualty transported to triage area \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Time last casualty transported to triage area \_\_\_\_\_
- 10A. Name of other services participating in first aid \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Who was in charge of these services? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. How many persons involved? \_\_\_\_\_
- 11A. Name of other organizations participating in rescue operations \_\_\_\_\_
- B. How many persons involved? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Was the moulage realistic? \_\_\_\_\_
- 14A. How many persons involved? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Did command of security at emergency site change at any time? If so, give sequence of command change and agency represented. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Was the traffic satisfactorily controlled? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Was there any provision for the security of personal effects? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Any special problems at accident site with security (spectators, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Medical Services

Person performing critique \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

- 18A. Who was the first medical official to arrive at emergency site? Medical facility associated with? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Time of notification \_\_\_\_\_
- C. How notified? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. By whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Arrival time at emergency site \_\_\_\_\_
- 19A. Who was the medical coordinator in charge of medical care and evacuation of casualties? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Time of notification \_\_\_\_\_
- C. How notified? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. By whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Arrival time at emergency site \_\_\_\_\_
- 20A. Number of physicians responding \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Number of nursing personnel responding \_\_\_\_\_
- 21A. Was a triage area designated at emergency site? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Was the triage area located to expedite the flow of casualties? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Were the casualties properly classified and tagged? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Were the casualties moved quickly to receiving hospitals? \_\_\_\_\_
22. How were medical and first aid personnel identified? \_\_\_\_\_
- 23A. What time were relief agencies (International Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.) notified? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. How notified? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. By whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Arrival time \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Personnel participating \_\_\_\_\_

#### Security

Person performing critique \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

- 13A. Time of emergency notification to police/security \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Who was first police/security officer to arrive at emergency site? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Time of arrival \_\_\_\_\_

**FIGURE A.15.4.2** Emergency Exercise Critique Form XYZ (International) Airport.

**Ambulances**

Person performing critique \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

- 24A. Time of notification to ambulances \_\_\_\_\_
- B. How notified? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. By whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Name of ambulance company \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Time of arrival at accident site of first ambulance \_\_\_\_\_
- 25A. How many casualties did ambulance handle? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Time of departure \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Hospital \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Arrival time at hospital \_\_\_\_\_
- 26A. Was ingress or egress to accident site a problem? \_\_\_\_\_
- Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Any special problems driving from accident site to hospital? \_\_\_\_\_
- Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hospitals**

Person performing critique \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

27. Number of physicians responding \_\_\_\_\_
28. Number of nursing personnel responding \_\_\_\_\_
29. Number of other hospital personnel responding \_\_\_\_\_
30. Number of casualties received \_\_\_\_\_
31. Kind of casualties received \_\_\_\_\_
- 32A. Time first alert was received \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Time disaster message authenticated \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Time first casualties arrived \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Time first casualties were seen by a physician \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Time last casualties arrived \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Time last casualties were seen by a physician \_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership**

Person performing critique \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

33. Did leadership by incident commander cause people to take effective action? \_\_\_\_\_
34. Were there any problems in the coordination of medical, fire, police, and other services? \_\_\_\_\_
35. Was the general spirit of the participants conducive to the success of the exercise? \_\_\_\_\_
36. Who demonstrated leadership? \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Information**

Person performing critique \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

- 37A. Time of notification to airport public information officer \_\_\_\_\_
- B. How notified? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Arrival time \_\_\_\_\_
- 38A. Who was the public relations officer? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. From what organization? \_\_\_\_\_
39. What special problems were indicated? \_\_\_\_\_
- Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Communications and Control**

Person performing critique \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

40. Did the command post perform effectively? \_\_\_\_\_
41. Did the emergency operations center perform effectively? \_\_\_\_\_
42. Was the personnel call system effective? \_\_\_\_\_
43. Was the physician call system effective? \_\_\_\_\_
44. Was the emergency message accurately received? \_\_\_\_\_
45. Were communications with the hospital effective? \_\_\_\_\_
46. Were there any problems with internal communications? \_\_\_\_\_
47. What kinds of communications systems were used? \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Two-way radio \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Walkie-talkie \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Messenger \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Other \_\_\_\_\_

NARRATIVE: Make any comments that may be helpful in evaluating this exercise. \_\_\_\_\_

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FIGURE A.15.4.2 *Continued*



**Annex B Table for International Aircraft Markings**

*This annex is not a part of the recommendations of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only.*

**B.1** Table B.1 provides the international markings for aircraft.

**Table B.1 International Aircraft Markings**

Code	Country
A2-	Botswana
A3-	Tonga
A5-	Bhutan
A6-	United Arab Emirates
A7-	Qatar
A9C-	Bahrain
A40-	Oman
AP-	Pakistan
B-	China
C2-	Nauru
C5-	Gambia
C6-	Bahamas
C9-	Mozambique
CC-	Chile
C-, CF-	Canada
CN-	Morocco
CP-	Bolivia
CR-, CS-	Portugal
CU-	Cuba
CX-	Uruguay
D-	Germany
D2-	Angola
D4-	Cape Verde
DQ-	Fiji
EC-	Spain
EL-, EJ-	Ireland
EK-	Armenia
EL-	Liberia
EP-	Iran
ER-	Republic of Moldavia
ES-	Estonia
ET-	Ethiopia
EW-	Belarus
EX-	Kyrgyzstan
EY-	Tajikistan
EZ-	Turkmenistan
F-	France
G-	United Kingdom
H4-	Solomon Islands
HA-	Hungary
HB- (plus nat. emblem)	Switzerland
HB- (plus nat. emblem)	Liechtenstein
HC-	Ecuador
HH-	Haiti
HI-	Dominican Republic
HK-	Colombia
HL-	Korea (Rep. of)
HP-	Panama
HR-	Honduras
HS-	Thailand
HZ-	Saudi Arabia

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Code	Country
I-	Italy
J2-	Djibouti
J3-	Grenada
J5-	Guinea Bissau
J6-	St. Lucia
J7-	Dominican Republic
J8-	Grenadines
J8-	St. Vincent
JA-	Japan
JY-	Jordan
LN-	Norway
LV, LQ	Argentina
LX-	Luxembourg
LV	Lithuania
LZ-	Bulgaria
N-	U.S.A.
OB-	Peru
OD-	Lebanon
OE-	Austria
OH-	Finland
OK-	Czech Republic
OO-	Belgium
OY-	Denmark
P-	North Korea
P2-	Papua New Guinea
P4-	Aruba
PH-	Netherlands
PI-	Netherlands Antilles
PK-	Indonesia
PP-, PT-	Brazil
PZ-	Surinam
RA	Russian Federation
RP-	Philippines
RDPL-	Laos
S2-	Bangladesh
S5-	Slovenia
S7-	Seychelles
S9-	Principe & San Tome
SE-	Sweden
SP-	Poland
ST-	Sudan
SU-	Egypt
SX-	Greece
T9-	Bosnia/Herzegovina
TC-	Turkey
TF-	Iceland
TG-	Guatemala
TI-	Costa Rica
TJ-	Cameroon
TL-	Central African Rep.
TN-	Congo
TR-	Gabon
TS-	Tunisia
TT-	Chad
TU-	Ivory Coast
TY-	Benin
TZ-	Mali

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Table B.1 *Continued*

Code	Country
VH-	Australia
VP-, VQ-, VR-	U.K. Colonies & Protectorates
VT-	India
XA-, XB-, XC-	Mexico
XT-	Burkina Faso
XU-	Democratic Kampuchea
XV-	Vietnam
XY-, XZ-	Myanmar
YA-	Afghanistan
YI-	Iraq
YK-	Syrian Arab Rep.
YL-	Latvia
YR-	Romania
YS-	El Salvador
YV-	Venezuela
Z	Zimbabwe
ZK, ZL, ZM	New Zealand
ZP-	Paraguay
ZS-, ZT-, ZU-	South Africa
3A-	Monaco
3B-	Mauritius
3C-	Equatorial Guinea
3D-	Swaziland
3X-	Guinea Bissau
4K-	Azerbaijan
4L	Georgia
4R-	Sri Lanka
4X-	Israel
5A-	Libya
5B-	Cyprus
5H-	Tanzania
5N-	Nigeria
5R-	Madagascar
5T-	Mauritania
5U-	Niger
5V-	Togo
5W-	Western Samoa
5X-	Uganda
5Y-	Kenya
6O-	Somalia
6V, 6W	Senegal
6Y-	Jamaica
7O-	Yemen
7P-	Lesotho
7QY-	Malawi
7T-	Algeria
8P-	Barbados
8Q-	Maldives
8R-	Guyana
9A-	Croatia
9H-	Malta
9J-	Zambia
9K-	Kuwait
9L-	Sierra Leone
9M-	Malaysia
9N-	Nepal

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Table B.1 *Continued*

Code	Country
9Q-	Zaire
9U-	Burundi
9V-	Singapore
9XE-	Rwanda
9Y-	Trinidad and Tobago

### Annex C Outline of an AEP

*This annex is not a part of the recommendations of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only.*

**C.1** This outline is intended to ensure uniformity in the development of AEPs. It is the function of the airport operator to develop an AEP and procedures for emergencies applicable to the airport's particular characteristics and operations and, within these guidelines, to perform the following:

- (1) Define the responsibilities of the airport operator and other participating agencies
- (2) Create effective lines of communication and adequate communication facilities as indicated by a flow chart, and develop a call system to include persons or agencies to be contacted. Where possible, a 24-hour coverage should be maintained
- (3) Arrange for the availability of a fixed emergency operations center and a mobile command post at the airport for use during an emergency
- (4) Integrate assistance from local support services such as fire departments, security, medical, civil defense, government agencies, local amateur radio organizations, and so forth
- (5) Describe the function of ATC services (airport control tower or airport flight information service) relating to emergency actions
- (6) Give instructions for response to accidents/incidents

Sections of the AEP document should contain identifiable subjects pertinent to local airport and community conditions.

The AEP and procedures should be issued under the airport or appropriate operator, who will define and negotiate functions of all agencies and personnel on- or off-airport that would or could be involved in an emergency affecting the airport.

In the development of the AEP and procedures, it is vital that arrangements be simple and easily understood by all involved in the AEP.

### C.2 Example of Contents of Emergency Plan Document.

**C.2.1 Section 1 — Emergency Telephone Numbers.** This section should be limited to essential telephone numbers according to site needs, including the following:

- (1) ATC services
- (2) ARFF services (departments)
- (3) Police and security
- (4) Medical services
  - (a) Hospitals
  - (b) Ambulances
- (5) Aircraft operators
- (6) Government agencies
- (7) Civil defense
- (8) Others



**C.2.2 Section 2 — Aircraft Accident On-Airport.** This section should detail the following:

- (1) Action by ATC services (airport control tower or airport flight information service)
- (2) Action by ARFF services
- (3) Action by police and security services
- (4) Action by airport operator
  - (a) Vehicle escort
  - (b) Maintenance
- (5) Action by medical services
  - (a) Hospitals
  - (b) Ambulances
  - (c) Doctors
  - (d) Medical personnel
- (6) Action by aircraft operator involved
- (7) Action by emergency operations center and mobile command post
- (8) Action by government agencies
- (9) Communications network (emergency operations center and mobile command post)
- (10) Action by agencies involved in mutual aid emergency agreements
- (11) Action by transportation authorities (land, sea, and air)
- (12) Action by the public information officer(s)
- (13) Action by local fire departments when structures are involved
- (14) Action by all other agencies involved

**C.2.3 Section 3 — Aircraft Accident Off-Airport.** This section should detail the following:

- (1) Action by ATC services (airport control tower or airport flight information service)
- (2) Action by ARFF services
- (3) Action by local fire departments
- (4) Action by police and security services
- (5) Action by airport operator
- (6) Action by medical services
  - (a) Hospitals
  - (b) Ambulances
  - (c) Doctors
  - (d) Medical personnel
- (7) Action by agencies involved in mutual aid emergency agreements
- (8) Action by aircraft operator involved
- (9) Action by emergency operations center and mobile command post
- (10) Action by government agencies
- (11) Communication networks (emergency operations center and mobile command post)
- (12) Transportation authorities (land, sea, and air)
- (13) Action by public information officer
- (14) Action by all other agencies involved

**C.2.4 Section 4 — Malfunction of Aircraft in Flight (Full Emergency or Local Standby).** This section should detail the following:

- (1) Action by ATC services (airport control tower or airport flight information service)
- (2) Action by airport ARFF services
- (3) Action by police and security services
- (4) Action by airport operator
- (5) Action by medical services
  - (a) Hospitals
  - (b) Ambulances
  - (c) Doctors
  - (d) Medical personnel
- (6) Action by aircraft operator involved
- (7) Action by emergency operations center and mobile command post
- (8) Action by all other agencies involved

**C.2.5 Section 5 — Structural Fires.** This section should detail the following:

- (1) Action by ATC services (airport control tower or airport flight information service)
- (2) Action by ARFF services (local fire departments)
- (3) Action by police and security services
- (4) Action by airport operator
- (5) Evacuation of structure
- (6) Action by medical services
  - (a) Hospitals
  - (b) Ambulances
  - (c) Doctors
  - (d) Medical personnel
- (7) Action by emergency operations center and mobile command post
- (8) Action by public information officer
- (9) Action by all other agencies involved

**C.2.6 Section 6 — Sabotage Including Bomb Threat (Aircraft or Structure).** This section should detail the following:

- (1) Action by ATC services (airport control tower or airport flight information service)
- (2) Action by emergency operations center and mobile command post
- (3) Action by police and security services
- (4) Action by airport operator
- (5) Action by ARFF services
- (6) Action by medical services
  - (a) Hospitals
  - (b) Ambulances
  - (c) Doctors
  - (d) Medical personnel
- (7) Action by aircraft operator involved
- (8) Action by government agencies
- (9) Isolated aircraft parking position
- (10) Evacuation
- (11) Searches (dog and human) or by aircraft
- (12) Handling, identification, and safe declaration of luggage and cargo on board aircraft
- (13) Handling and disposal of suspected bomb
- (14) Action by public information officer
- (15) Action by all other agencies involved

**C.2.7 Section 7 — Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft (Hijacking).**

This section should detail the following:

- (1) Action by ATC services (airport control tower or airport flight information service)
- (2) Action by ARFF services
- (3) Action by police and security services
- (4) Action by airport operator
- (5) Action by medical services
  - (a) Hospitals
  - (b) Ambulances
  - (c) Doctors
  - (d) Medical personnel
- (6) Action by aircraft operator involved
- (7) Action by government agencies
- (8) Action by emergency operations center and mobile command post
- (9) Isolated aircraft parking position
- (10) Action by public information officer
- (11) Action by all other agencies involved

**C.2.8 Section 8 — Incident On-Airport.** An incident on-airport can require any or all of the action detailed in C.2.2. Examples of incidents the airport operator should consider include fuel spills at the ramp, passenger loading bridge, and fuel storage area; dangerous goods (hazardous materials) occurrences at freight handling areas; collapse of structures; vehicle/aircraft collisions; and so forth.

**C.2.9 Section 9 — Persons of Authority — Site Roles.** To include, but not be limited to, the following according to local requirements:

- (1) On-airport
  - (a) Airport operator
  - (b) Airport chief fire officer
  - (c) Police and security — officer-in-charge
  - (d) Medical group supervisor
- (2) Off-airport
  - (a) Local chief fire officer
  - (b) Government authority
  - (c) Police and security — officer-in-charge
  - (d) Medical group supervisor

The IC should be designated as required from within the prearranged mutual aid emergency agreement.

Previous documented experience indicates that confusion in identifying command personnel in accident situations is a serious problem. To alleviate this problem, distinctive colored vests with reflective lettering should be issued to command personnel for easy identification. The following colors are examples:

- (1) Red — chief fire officer
- (2) Blue — police chief
- (3) White (red lettering) — medical coordinator
- (4) International orange — airport administration
- (5) Lime green — transportation officer
- (6) Dark brown — forensic chief

An IC should be appointed as the person in command of the overall emergency operation. The IC should be easily identifiable and can be one of the persons indicated above or any other person from the responding agencies.

**C.2.10 Section 10 — Emergency Organizations.** Table C.2.10 is a list of organizations that could be involved during an emergency.

**Table C.2.10 Organizations That Could be Involved or Assist During an Emergency**

Organization	Abbreviation
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association	AOPA
Air Line Pilots Association	ALPA
American Red Cross	ARC
Canadian Transportation Agency	CTA
Department of Defense	DOD
Department of Homeland Security	DHS
Department of Transportation	DOT
Disaster Medical Assistance Team	DMAT
Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team	DMORT
Disaster Portable Morgue Unit	DPMU
Environmental Protection Agency	EPA
Federal Aviation Administration	FAA
Federal Bureau of Investigation	FBI
Federal Emergency Management Agency	FEMA
FEMA National Emergency Training Center	NETC
International Association of Fire Chiefs	IAFC
National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians	NAEMT
National Disaster Medical System	NDMS
National Emergency Management Association	NEMA
National Fire Protection Association	NFPA
National Transportation Safety Board	NTSB
Occupational Health & Safety Administration	OSHA
Transport Canada	TC
Transportation Safety Board of Canada	TSBC
United States Coast Guard	USCG
United States Department of Agriculture	USDA
United States Public Health Service	USPHS
Veterinary Medical Assistance Team	VMAT
State emergency management departments	
Other country government organizations	

## Annex D Types of Alerts

*This annex is not a part of the recommendations of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only.*

**D.1** The terms used to describe various categories of aircraft alerts are not standardized. The FAA terms — Local Standby Alert, Full Emergency Alert, or Aircraft Accident Alert — and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) terms — Local Standby, Full Emergency, and Aircraft Accident — are equivalent.

**D.2 Local Standby Alert — Local Standby.** An aircraft that is known or suspected to have an operational defect should be considered Local Standby. This defect normally should not cause serious difficulty in achieving a safe landing.

Local Standby Alert also should be initiated when an aeromedical evacuation or presidential/VIP aircraft is arriving or departing.

Airports also should have management policies for implementation of Local Standby Alert procedures whenever required response times cannot be achieved. Factors that can affect response time include construction work; field maintenance; and adverse weather conditions such as snow, ice, or low visibility.

Airports should have management policies for implementation of Local Standby Alert procedures during arrival and departures of certain categories or types of aircraft not normally utilizing the airport.

Under Local Standby Alert conditions, at least one ARFF vehicle should be manned and positioned to permit its immediate use in the event of an incident. The ARFF personnel should be advised of the following:

- (1) The type of aircraft
- (2) The number of passengers and crew
- (3) The type and amount of fuel
- (4) The nature of the emergency
- (5) The type, amount, and location of dangerous goods
- (6) The number of nonambulatory passengers on board, if any

All other ARFF vehicles should be available for immediate response.

**D.3 Full Emergency Alert — Full Emergency.** An aircraft that is known or is suspected to have an operational defect that affects normal flight operations to the extent that there is danger of an accident is considered a Full Emergency Alert — Full Emergency. ARFF personnel should be provided with detailed information that allows preparation for likely contingencies. A full response should be made with the emergency equipment manned and positioned with engines running and all emergency lights operating so that the fastest response to the incident/accident site can be accomplished. It is important that appropriate radio frequencies be continuously monitored by ARFF personnel. One or more major ARFF vehicles should be able to initiate fire suppression within the briefest period of time following the aircraft's coming to rest. Standby positioning of vehicles should be established for a variety of anticipated circumstances. The ARFF personnel should be informed of any changes in a distressed aircraft's emergency conditions that could affect the touchdown point or the ultimate behavior of the aircraft.

**D.4 Aircraft Accident Alert — Aircraft Accident/Fire.** This alert denotes an aircraft accident or serious aircraft fire has occurred on or in the vicinity of the airport. Regardless of the source of this alarm, full airport fire and rescue response procedures should be put into effect. Where possible, all known pertinent information should be relayed via radio by ATC to responding emergency units and include as accurately as possible the location of the accident, using grid map coordinates and landmarks.

Where such information is not available, the ARFF personnel should anticipate the worst situation and prepare accordingly.

The IC should advise ATC of conditions at the site, particularly if such conditions could interfere with flight operations.

Emergencies not involving aircraft include the following:

- (1) Non-aircraft-accident-related airport emergencies
- (2) Natural disasters
- (3) Medical emergencies

## Annex E Responsibilities of Aircraft Operations Personnel Following an Aircraft Accident

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**E.1** Airline personnel often are the only force on the airport available for quick response to passenger service during an emergency, since fire, police, and airport operation departments are usually required to respond to the accident site.

An air carrier emergency plan should be coordinated with the AEP so that airline personnel know which responsibilities the airport will assume and what response is required by the airline. A checklist form should be developed by the airline for the company coordinator's use. This form should be time-correlated to the documented notification time of the accident, company communications, personnel assignments, response, and other actions taken. Based on this log of events, a critique of the airline and the AEP can be analyzed for future improvement.

Training should be initiated by the airlines to prepare all station personnel for emergency procedures. In all emergencies, the individuals involved are subjected to stresses of a severity not generally encountered. It is vital for all emergency workers to be familiar with common responses by the individuals to unusual stress and apprehension and to be able to cope effectively with disturbed persons. The best possible preparation for effective behavior under disaster conditions is education and practice. Education should include instruction in the nature and actions of disturbed individuals and the general types of reactions to be expected. Emergency workers should participate in simulated emergency exercises to help establish effective patterns of behavior under emergency conditions and to practice the basic principles of "psychological first aid."

A holding area for uninjured persons should be designated in order to assemble and process passengers not injured in the emergency. The selected area should provide for both passenger comfort and security from the news media. Upon notification of an accident, designated airline personnel should immediately respond to the holding area to receive the passengers evacuated from the accident scene. The airline personnel should be at this station before the airline passengers arrive. Emergency kits should be prepared and be readily available for the airline passenger service representatives to effectively carry out their duties. While waiting for the evacuees, an organizational meeting should be held by the person in command, delegating a receptionist, registrar, and welfare coordinator for the survivors.

The organization and description of required duties given in Sections E.2 through E.4 are suggested.

**E.2 The Airline Coordinator.** Normally this would be the senior representative from the airline whose aircraft had the accident. In the event of a charter or nonscheduled flight, the representative of the airline designated to provide ground services for that flight should take charge. In the event of an overflight or carrier without personnel based at the airport, representative authority would have to be determined by those responding. The person in charge should have radio communication to the airline operations or other designated emergency center. Telephones should be available in the holding areas. The person in command oversees the overall airline operations, making arrangements for additional medical services if required, commissary items, and so forth.

The receptionist should meet the transportation vehicles as they arrive from the scene of the accident and direct the passengers to the registrars' tables where they will be processed. The receptionist should know where toilet facilities are located.

**E.3 Registrars.** The registrars should have emergency kits available to them. Two people should constitute one registrar team. Several teams can be required to process the passengers swiftly and efficiently. One member should enter the passenger's name on the manifest and determine what reservation requirements are desired (hotel accommodations, another flight, transportation, etc.) and any persons to be notified of the passenger's condition and plans. The other member of the registrar team should make out an ID tag or sticker (available from the emergency kit) and place it on the passenger. This action can assist in identifying the passenger when accommodations have been made and, more important, will indicate that the passenger has been processed. The registrars should direct the victims to the welfare coordinators when their registration is completed.

Welfare coordinators are the nucleus of psychological first aid. They should attempt to stimulate passenger discussion. Special attention should be given to those who do not join in the discussion. In giving psychological first aid, welfare coordinators should note that some persons become more disturbed than others. Giving those persons sympathetic understanding can be the first step toward helping them. Overwhelming victims with pity could only increase their fear and feelings of helplessness. A person who exhibits bodily trembling, rapid breathing, rapid pulse, shortness of breath, and so forth, should be engaged in conversation, and professional medical attention should be requested as soon as available.

A sizable personnel force can be provided by most air carriers; however, there can be a problem at airports with a small operation. As a result, a mutual aid assistance program of all airline personnel (and, if necessary, other airport tenants based at the airport) should be established. Training can be acquired from local mental health care and Red Cross units. This training is not extensive but would provide education for passenger service in an emergency. In addition to caring for the victims evacuated from an accident site, training also should include a simulated exercise of a traumatic situation that could develop in the gate area of the terminal building.

**E.4 Emergency Kits.** Each airline should prepare an emergency kit that can be readily available to all airline personnel during all hours of operation. This kit should never be placed in an office that is locked during certain hours of the day. All station personnel should have knowledge of the location of the emergency kit. The contents of the kit should include the following:

- (1) Tablets or forms to record the victims' names, addresses, and home phone numbers; name and phone number of person to be notified of passenger's condition; accommodation request of passenger (i.e., future flight, hotel, transportation within the local area) (*See Figure E.4 for a sample of a registrar's form.*)
- (2) Stick-on, adhesive-type name tags to identify passengers who have been processed and to identify victims when accommodations have been made
- (3) Telephone numbers of the following:
  - (a) Doctors to attend to minor injuries. Each airline should have a letter of agreement with physicians who will respond to a designated holding area.
  - (b) Hotels where victims can be billeted. It is beneficial to place victims in the same hotel or at least in groups at hotels.
  - (c) Linguists, preferably ones who work on the airport premises, for quick response.
  - (d) Caterer, if commissary items are required.
  - (e) All airline reservations offices.
  - (f) Ambulance companies, in case a victim requires hospitalization.
  - (g) Taxicab companies.
- (4) A current copy of the *Official Airline Guide (OAG)*. Local airline schedules can be helpful for registrars who will be making arrangements on future flights.
- (5) Sample of registrar's form. (*See Figure E.4.*)



<b>AIRCRAFT OCCUPANT REGISTRY FORM</b>	
Passenger	Flight no. _____
Name _____	
Address _____	
Home phone no. _____	Cell phone no. _____
Accommodations	
Hotel _____	Hotel phone no. _____
Future Flight	
Airline _____	Date _____
	Flight no. _____
Person(s) to Be Notified	
Name _____	Relation _____
	Phone no. _____

**FIGURE E.4 Sample Registrar's Form.**

#### **Annex F Aircraft Accidents in the Water**

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**F.1** Where airports are situated adjacent to large bodies of water, such as rivers or lakes, or where they are located on coastlines, special provisions should be made for ARFF operations in the event of an aircraft accident/incident in the water. Specialized equipment for ARFF may include fire/rescue boats, air-cushion vehicles (ACV), helicopters, coastal patrol boats, and so forth. Also see FAA Advisory Circular AC 150/5200-31C, *Airport Emergency Plan*.

The "Winchester" Class Hovercraft (built by the British Hovercraft Corporation) is in service at the Auckland International Airport in New Zealand. It is utilized to protect aircraft operations that are largely over the Manukau Harbour, which borders the airport. Its primary mission is rescue of occupants in the event of an accident in the harbor or on mudflats, which exist at low tide.

Consideration of unusual terrain and water conditions, such as tidal flats, swamps, and so forth, can dictate the choice of the particular type of vehicle most suitable to these conditions. Helicopters and air-cushion and amphibious vehicles, as well as conventional watercraft, could be found to provide this specialized service.

In developing the water rescue service, consideration should be given to private or public services (such as military search and rescue units, harbor police, or fire departments) and private rescue services (such as rescue squads, power and communication companies, pipeline or oil field operators, lumbering industry, or shipping and waterway operators) that could be available and are capable of rendering assistance. A signal system for alerting private or public services in time of emergency should be prearranged.

Many aircraft do not carry personal flotation devices on board, especially those aircraft not engaged in extensive over-water operations. Such flotation devices should be available in numbers sufficient to meet the needs of the maximum passen-

ger capacity of the largest aircraft in regular service at the airport. Where the largest aircraft is in scheduled overwater operation and all other operations are over-water in character, the airport can reduce the amount of personal flotation devices by 50 percent.

**F.2 Probability of Fire.** In incidents of aircraft accidents over water, the possibility of fire is normally reduced, hopefully because of the suppression of ignition sources by the water contact and the cooling of heated surfaces. In situations where fire is present, its control and extinguishment present unusual problems unless the proper equipment is available.

**F.3 Spillage of Fuel on Water Surfaces.** It should be anticipated that the impact of the aircraft hitting the water might rupture fuel tanks and lines. It is reasonable to assume that quantities of fuel will thus be found floating on the surface of the water. Boats with exhausts at the waterline can present an ignition hazard if operated where this condition is present. Wind and water currents should be taken into consideration in order to deal effectively with floating fuel to keep it from moving into areas where it would be hazardous to rescue operations or initiate fire. As soon as possible, pockets of fuel should either be broken up or moved with large volume nozzles, neutralized by covering them with foam or a special inerting material, or boomed to contain the fuel in a safe area prior to absorption, dilution, or removal. Preplanning with the EPA's Water Pollution Control Division can provide emergency assistance during this operation.

**F.4 Rescue Boats.** Rescue boats should be capable of shallow water operations. Boats powered by jet-type propulsion eliminate the dangers of propellers puncturing inflatable equipment or injuring survivors during rescue operations. Boats powered by conventional propellers can diminish the hazards of puncture and injury by being equipped with fan-type guards or cowls.

Boats and other rescue vehicles should be located so that they can be brought into action in minimum time — not more than 15 minutes — within the area extending up to 1000 m (3281 ft) from the end of the runway(s). Special boathouses or

launching facilities should be provided where they will contribute materially to the rapidity of the launching process.

The boats should be of such size as to carry efficiently the flotation equipment required with adequate space for the crew and sufficient working space to permit rapid dispersal of the flotation devices. Inflatable life rafts should be the prime flotation equipment carried, and there should be an adequate number of life rafts to accommodate the largest aircraft occupancy served by the airport. Once this flotation equipment has been dispensed, there should be sufficient space to accommodate a limited number of litter cases brought aboard during the rescue.

To permit communications with other rescue units, such as helicopters, air-cushion or amphibious equipment, and water-land-based units, adequate two-way radio equipment should be provided in all rescue boats.

A minimum of two floodlights should be provided for night operations.

Radar reflectors should be used to facilitate navigation and rendezvous efforts.

**F.5 Organizing Diving Units/Use of Divers.** Diving units should be dispatched to the scene. Where available, helicopters can be used to expedite the transportation of divers to the actual area of the crash. All divers who could be called for this type of service should be highly trained in both scuba diving and underwater search and recovery techniques. In areas where there are no operating governmental or municipal underwater search and recovery teams, agreements can be made with private diving clubs. The qualifications of the individual divers should be established by training and practical examination.

In all operations where divers are in the water, standard divers' flags should be flown and boats operating in the area should be warned to exercise extreme caution.

Where fire is present, approaching the scene should be made after wind direction and velocity and water current and swiftness are taken into consideration. Fire can be moved away from the area by using a sweeping technique with hose streams. Foam and other extinguishing agents should be used where necessary.

It should be anticipated that victims are more likely to be found downwind or downstream from the crash. This likelihood should be taken into consideration in planning the attack. Where only the approximate location of the crash is established upon arrival, divers should use standard underwater search patterns marking the locations of the major parts of the aircraft with marker buoys. If a sufficient number of divers is not available, dragging operations should be conducted from surface craft. In no instance should dragging and diving operations be conducted simultaneously.

Where occupied sections of the aircraft are found submerged, the possibility remains that enough air may be trapped inside to maintain life. Entry by divers should be made at the deepest point possible.

**F.6 Other Considerations.** Where the distance offshore is within range, synthetic fiber-covered, rubber-lined fire hose can sometimes be floated into position by divers or boats and used to supplement other means of fire attack.

An ICP should be established at the most feasible location on the adjacent shore. This ICP should be located in a position to facilitate implementing the AEP in accordance with guidelines established by the AHJ.

Great care should be exercised in maintaining the watertight integrity of occupied aircraft sections found afloat. Removal of the occupant(s) should be accomplished as smoothly and quickly as possible. Any shift in weight or lapse in time can result in its sinking, and rescuers should use caution to avoid becoming trapped themselves.

## Annex G Airport Medical Services

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**G.1 Medical services and supplies** should be available to an airport. Generally, provisions of medical services should not present great difficulties at large airports or airports near a large city, as the personnel and material normally will be available. It is necessary to have coordination between the airport and the emergency medical system in the community.

Provision of medical services can present some difficulties at small airports not located near populated areas. These airports should arrange to have available emergency medical services to provide medical care in the event of an aircraft accident/incident, taking into account the largest aircraft using the airport.

Portable shelters such as mobile hospitals, tents, and recreation vehicles can be used where extremes in climate or weather can affect patient survivability. Consider the use of adjacent buildings such as aircraft hangars, gymnasiums, auditoriums, warehouses, and so forth, if distance and transportation resources are favorable.

ARFF personnel should have the ability to treat injured victims. At least two full-time ARFF members on duty at the airport or other on-airport personnel should be trained to an emergency medical treatment level as determined by the AHJ. They should also have sufficient medical equipment at their immediate disposal to initiate stabilization until transportation of casualties to adequate medical facilities is provided.

As many airport personnel as practicable also should be trained in CPR/AED as taught by the appropriate medical authority. Periodic exercises and drills in CPR/AED techniques are necessary to maintain proficiency.

All rescue, fire-fighting, and medical personnel should be trained to protect themselves from the spread of communicable diseases in the event they become exposed to blood or other body fluids during rescue or emergency medical care activities.

The everyday medical problems at large airports can serve to promote an increased proficiency in emergency medical techniques of airport-based emergency personnel. It should be noted, however, that proficiency in emergency medical techniques can be maintained only through constant practical application. Unless operations include providing advanced life support on a day-to-day basis, proficiency will decline or disappear.

Airports are encouraged to include volunteer on-airport personnel other than ARFF personnel, to provide an auxiliary response to assist casualties resulting from emergencies. Volun-

teers should be trained by accredited agencies in first aid or rescue response duties. In case of an emergency they should respond to a designated staging area for assignment. The question of liability is a matter for each appropriate authority.

Due to the varying national and international standards, medical personnel should follow the requirements adopted by the AHJ.

**G.2 Emergency Medical Supplies and Equipment.** The airport operator should arrange to have available on or in the vicinity of the airport sufficient medical supplies to treat the passenger capacity of the largest aircraft normally using the airport. Experience has shown, however, that more than one aircraft can be involved in an aircraft accident, and, consequently, medical supplies to handle this possibility should be considered. The type and quantity of such supplies should be determined by the principal medical operator for the airport, using the statistical information given in Table G.2(a).

The figures in Table G.2(a) are based on the assumption that the maximum number of surviving casualties at an aircraft accident occurring on or in the vicinity of an airport is estimated to be no more than 25 percent of the aircraft occupants.

To cope with an emergency involving a large aircraft, it is recommended that the general emergency medical supplies and equipment included in Table G.2(b) be available at the airport or otherwise be available from outside sources. Table G.2(b) has been prepared to cope with an emergency involving the largest types of aircraft currently being used for commercial air transport operations, that is, the B747, the DC-10, and the Airbus. If, at any airport, only smaller aircraft will be handled during the foreseeable future, the suggested medical supplies and equipment should be adjusted to the largest aircraft expected to operate at the airport.

Stretchers, blankets, and backboards or immobilizing mattresses, or both, should be available for use, preferably on a suitable vehicle (e.g., trailer) that can be transported to the accident site. Blankets are needed to alleviate the casualty's exposure to shock and possible adverse weather conditions. Trauma victims in an aircraft accident sometimes sustain severe spinal injuries, so backboards should be used in removing such casualties from the aircraft in order to minimize the possibility of further spinal injury. The backboards should be of a type designed to fit through access ways and narrow aisles of commercial and business aircraft.

**Table G.2(b) General Emergency Supplies and Equipment**

Supplies and Equipment	Quantity
Stretchers adaptable to the most commonly used ambulances	100
Immobilizing mattresses for backbone fractures	10
Backboards for backbone fractures	10
Splints, either conventional or inflatable, for various types of fractures	50
First aid kits, each containing a set of 10 tags, hemostatic pads, tourniquets, respiratory tube, scissors, dressings	50
Resuscitation chests containing material for on-site intubation, infusion, and oxygenation for about 20 casualties	20
Manual or mechanical respirators	2 or 3
Suction devices	2 or 3
Plastic bags for the deceased	300 to 500

The items listed in Table G.2(b) are described in G.2.1 through G.2.3.

**G.2.1 Immobilizing Mattress.** This apparatus consists of a plastic bag designed like a mattress and filled with a lot of very small balls. An aspirator (mechanical or other) is used to take out the air so that the mattress is crushed by the atmospheric pressure and becomes as rigid as plaster. A human body, partly enveloped before the mattress is compressed, is completely wrapped and head, limbs, and backbone become immobilized, allowing any type of transportation, through the use of lateral rope loops. The apparatus is permeable to X-rays. Although the dimensions are variable, its length is generally between 1.80 m (71 in.) and 1.90 m (74 in.), and its width is between 0.80 m (31 in.) and 0.90 m (36 in.).

**G.2.2 Miscellaneous Items.** Miscellaneous items could include the following:

- (1) Inflatable tents should have adequate heating and lighting where possible. A large tent can normally accommodate about 10 serious cases and can be carried on a large

**Table G.2(a) Estimated Maximum Number of Casualties in an Aircraft Accident at an Airport**

Aircraft Occupants	Number of Casualties	20 Percent Casualties, Immediate Care Priority I	30 Percent Casualties, Delayed Care Priority II	50 Percent Casualties, Minor Care Priority III
500	124	24	38	62
450	112	22	34	56
400	100	20	30	50
350	87	17	26	44
300	75	15	23	37
250	62	12	19	31
200	50	10	15	25
150	38	8	11	19
100	25	5	8	12
50	12	2	4	6

all-purpose vehicle along with the other necessary medical equipment.

- (2) Mobile emergency hospitals or inflatable tents, if available, or shelters can be used for on-site treatment of Immediate Care (Priority I, Red) and Delayed Care (Priority II, Yellow) casualties. These units should be readily available for rapid response. Planning should also include the assignment of personnel who can operate/assemble this equipment. A cardiac care ambulance unit can be used as an ideal shelter for Immediate Care (Priority I, Red) casualties.

**G.3 Emergency Medical Communication System.** Communication is a primary requisite of an AEP. The medical service communication system should ensure adequate communication during emergencies to disseminate warning information and obtain support operations. Without communication, the hospital cannot know the number and type of casualties it will be receiving, ambulances cannot be directed to the facilities most capable of rendering the needed care, supplies available from outside sources cannot be called for, and medical personnel cannot be directed to the point where they are needed most.

The participating hospitals should have the capability of communicating with one another by means of a two-way radio communication network. Ideally, each hospital should have the capability of either calling other individual hospitals or, if the occasion arises, calling all other hospitals simultaneously. This capability is invaluable for hospitals experiencing an emergency such as a need for a certain blood type or an item of equipment in short supply. It is also recommended that the medical group supervisor be able to communicate with participating hospitals directly.

**G.4 Emergency Medical Transportation Facilities.** The dispatch of casualties to hospitals from the accident site should take into consideration the hospital(s) medical personnel on staff, medical specialties, and beds readily available. Ideally, each airport should have available at least one on-call ambulance for routine medical emergencies. Written agreements with off-airport-based ambulances should be prepared to provide for emergency transportation services.

In major emergency situations, other means of transportation can be substituted for ambulances. Vans, transportation vehicles, automobiles, station wagons, or other suitable airport vehicles can be used. Provision for immediate transportation should be available to transport the uninjured or apparently uninjured to a designated holding area.

An area grid map (with date of latest revision) of the airport's surrounding area should be carried by all rescue vehicles. All medical facilities should be depicted prominently on the grid map. (See Figure A.6.2.2.)

#### **G.5 Assessment of Airport Medical Care Facilities' Needs (Medical Clinic, First Aid Room, or Both).**

**G.5.1 General Factors Influencing Need.** There are many general factors that influence the need for an airport first aid room or an airport medical clinic. Factors to take into consideration include the following:

- (1) The number of passengers served annually and the number of employees based on the airport
- (2) The industrial activity on the airport property and in the surrounding community

- (3) The distance from the airport to adequate medical facilities
- (4) Mutual aid medical services agreements

Generally, it is recommended that an airport medical clinic be available when the airport employees number 3000 or more and that a first aid room be available at every airport. The airport medical care or first aid room personnel and facilities should be integrated into the AEP.

The airport medical clinic, in addition to providing emergency medical care to the airport population, can extend emergency care to communities surrounding the airport, if these communities have no emergency facilities of their own.

The airport medical clinic can be included in the community emergency services organization and planning. In the event of a large-scale nonairport local emergency, the airport medical clinic can function as the coordination site for direction of incoming medical personnel assistance as well as medical supplies and equipment.

**G.5.2 Location of Airport Medical Care Facilities.** The facilities should be readily accessible to the airport terminal building, to the general public, and to emergency transportation equipment (ambulances, helicopters, etc.). Site selection should avoid the problem of needing to move injured persons through congested areas of the airport terminal building, while providing access to the facility by emergency vehicles. The medical care facility should be located to allow access from the air side of the airport terminal building, as this provides control over unauthorized vehicles interfering with emergency equipment.

**G.5.3 Airport Medical Care Facility Personnel.** The number of trained personnel and degree of expertise needed by each individual will depend on the particular airport's requirements. The staff of the airport medical clinic should form the nucleus of the medical services planning for the AEP (and be responsible for implementation of the medical portion of the AEP). It is recommended that the airport first aid room at least be staffed with highly qualified first aid personnel.

In general, it is recommended that during the principal hours of airport activity, at least one person trained to deal with the following be available within 3 to 5 minutes:

- (1) CPR/AED
- (2) Bleeding from a traumatic source
- (3) Abdominal thrusts (choking)
- (4) Fractures and splinting
- (5) Burns
- (6) Shock
- (7) Emergency childbirth and immediate care of newborns, including prematures
- (8) Common medical conditions that can influence the outcome of injury (allergies, high blood pressure, diabetes, pacemaker, etc.)
- (9) Basic measures for treatment and protection subsequent to spills or leaks of radioactive materials or toxic or poisonous substances
- (10) Treatment of emotionally disturbed persons
- (11) Recognition of, and first aid for, poisons, bites, and anaphylactic shock
- (12) Transportation techniques for injured persons
- (13) Communicable diseases recognition and proper PPE selection
- (14) Triage and mass casualty incident (MCI) skills



The person responsible should have authority to order hospitalization if necessary and to arrange any needed transportation.

The airport operator should obtain the advice and direction of a consulting emergency medical care physician as to the allotment and design of equipment for the first aid room commensurate with the anticipated needs of the particular airport.

The equipment and the medical supply inventory of the airport medical clinic should be established by the staff in charge of the clinic.

The airport medical care facility should be equipped to handle cardiac arrest and other types of injuries and illnesses associated with industrial medicine. If drugs are maintained, provision should be made to ensure full security.

Emergency oxygen and respiratory equipment should be available to treat smoke inhalation victims.

Since the majority of non-accident-related medical emergencies at airports involve coronary problems, advanced life support systems, including oxygen, oxygen regulators, AED, and other elements for cardiopulmonary care, should be readily available. In addition, first aid kits (containing drugs, a wide selection of bandages and splints, blood transfusion equipment, and burn and maternity kits), chains, ropes, crowbars, and metal cutters should be available.

## Annex H Informational References

**H.1 Referenced Publications.** The documents or portions thereof listed in this annex are referenced within the informational sections of this guide and are not advisory in nature unless also listed in Chapter 2 for other reasons.

**H.1.1 NFPA Publications.** National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

NFPA 402, *Guide for Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Operations*, 2013 edition.

NFPA 1003, *Standard for Airport Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, 2015 edition.

### H.1.2 Other Publications.

**H.1.2.1 ATA Publications.** Airlines for America (A4A), 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20004.

*International Air Transport Association — Guidelines for Airport Operators and Airport Authorities on Procedures for Removal of Disabled Aircraft.*

**H.1.2.2 FAA Publications.** Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

FAA AC 150/5200-31C, *Airport Emergency Plan*, 2009. (AAS 310) (Consolidated AC includes Change 2).

**H.1.2.3 ICAO Publications.** International Civil Aviation Organization, 999 Robert-Bourassa Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec H3C 5H7, Canada.

*International Civil Aviation Organization Airport Services Manual*, Part 1, "Rescue and Fire Fighting," 2014.

*Airport Services Manual*, Part 5, "Removal of Disabled Aircraft," Fourth Edition, 2009, Doc. 9137-AN/898.

**H.1.2.4 NTSB Publications.** National Transportation Safety Board, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20594.

Part 830, "Notification and Reporting of Aircraft Accidents or Incidents and Overdue Aircraft, and Preservation of Aircraft Wreckage, Mail Cargo, and Records," Section 830.10, 2005.

**H.1.2.5 OAG Publications.** OAG Worldwide Limited, Ludgate House, 245 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 9UY, England.

*Official Airline Guide (OAG).*

**H.1.2.6 U.S. Government Publications.** U.S. Government Publishing Office, 732 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401-0001.

Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996.

Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 831.10, 2007.

**H.2 Informational References.** The following documents or portions thereof are listed here as informational resources only. They are not directly referenced in this guide.

**H.2.1 NFPA Publications.** National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

NFPA 10, *Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers*, 2013 edition.

NFPA 403, *Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Services at Airports*, 2014 edition.

NFPA 407, *Standard for Aircraft Fuel Servicing*, 2017 edition.

NFPA 408, *Standard for Aircraft Hand Portable Fire Extinguishers*, 2017 edition.

NFPA 409, *Standard on Aircraft Hangars*, 2016 edition.

NFPA 412, *Standard for Evaluating Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Foam Equipment*, 2014 edition.

NFPA 414, *Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Vehicles*, 2017 edition.

NFPA 415, *Standard on Airport Terminal Buildings, Fueling Ramp Drainage, and Loading Walkways*, 2016 edition.

NFPA 418, *Standard for Heliports*, 2016 edition.

NFPA 1001, *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*, 2013 edition.

NFPA 1002, *Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications*, 2017 edition.

NFPA 1561, *Standard on Emergency Services Incident Management System and Command Safety*, 2014 edition.

NFPA 1600<sup>®</sup>, *Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity/Continuity of Operations Programs*, 2016 edition.

NFPA 1981, *Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services*, 2013 edition.

*Fire Protection Guide to Hazardous Materials*, 2010 edition.

**H.2.2 ALPA Publications.** Air Line Pilots Association, International, Engineering and Air Safety Department, 535 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, VA 20170.



ALPA — *Guide for Airport Standards*, First Edition, July 1969, Third Edition, 1981.

**H.2.3 ARFF Manuals.** U.S. Navy *Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Manual*, NAVAIR 00-80R-14-1, 2009. Available from Naval Air Systems Command, Code 1416C, Washington, DC 20360.

IFSTA 206, *Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting*, 5th edition, 2008. Available from International Fire Service Training Association, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078.

*Aircraft Emergency Rescue Information*, Technical Manual, T.O. 00-105-9. Available from Hq. NRAMA-MMSTD, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia 31093.

**H.2.4 ARFF Publications.** AD 739-027, *A Proposed Method for Evaluating Fire Prevention Efforts by the Airport Manager of Non-Hub Airports*, 1970. Available from National Technical Information Service, Springfield, VA 22161.

AFAPL-TR-73-74, *Fire and Explosion Manual for Aircraft Accident Investigations*, August 1973, Joseph M. Kuchta, Pittsburgh Mining and Safety Research Center, Bureau of Mines Report No. 4193 published by U.S. Dept. of the Air Force, Air Force Aero Propulsion Laboratory, AFAPL/SFH, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH 45433.

**H.2.5 FAA Publications.** Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

FAA AC 150/5200-12C, *First Responders' Responsibility for Protecting Evidence at the Scene of an Aircraft Accident/Incident*, 2009 (AAS-100). Furnishes general guidance for airport employees, airport management, and other personnel responsible for fire-fighting and rescue operations, at the scene of an aircraft accident, on the proper presentation of evidence.

FAA AC 150/5200-18C, *Airport Safety Self-Inspection*, 2004 (AAS-310). Suggests functional responsibility, procedures, a checklist, and schedule for an airport safety self-inspection.

FAA AC 150/5210-6D, *Aircraft Fire Extinguishing Agents*, 2004 (AAS-100). Outlines scales of protection considered as the recommended level — compared with the minimum level in Federal Aviation Regulation Part 139.49 — and tells how these levels were established from test and experience data.

FAA AC 150/5210-13C, *Airport Water Rescue Plans and Equipment*, 2010 (AAS-300). Suggests planning procedures, facilities, and equipment to effectively perform rescue operations when an aircraft lands in a body of water, swamp, or tidal area where normal aircraft fire-fighting and rescue service vehicles are unable to reach the accident scene.

FAA AC 150/5210-5D, *Painting, Marking, and Lighting of Vehicles Used on an Airport*, 2010 (AAA-120). Provides guidance, specifications, and standards — in the interest of airport personnel safety and operational efficiency — for painting, marking, and lighting of vehicles operating in the airport air operations areas.

FAA AC 150/5210-7D, *Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Communications*, 2008 (AAS-120). Provides guidance and information for planning and implementing an airport communications system for airport fire and rescue service.

FAA AC 150/5220-4, *Water Supply Systems for Aircraft Fire and Rescue Protection* (AAS-120). Provides guidance for the water source selection and standards for a water distribution system

designed to support aircraft rescue and fire-fighting (ARFF) service operations on airports. (Canceled 9-19-2011)

FAA AC 150/5220-10E, *Guide Specification for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicles*, 2011 (AAS-100). Assists airport management in the development of local procurement specifications.

FAA AC 150/5230-4B, *Aircraft Fuel Storage, Handling, and Dispensing on Airports*, 2011 (AAS-300). Provides information on aviation fuel deliveries to airport storage and the handling, cleaning, and dispensing of fuel into aircraft.

FAA AC 150/5370-2F, *Operational Safety on Airports During Construction*, 2011 (AAS-300). Concerns operational safety on airports — with special emphasis on safety during periods of construction activity — to assist airport operators in complying with Part 139.

AC 139.49-1, *Programs for Training of Fire Fighting and Rescue Personnel* (AAS-100). Suggested training programs for airport fire fighting and rescue personnel.

**H.2.6 Federal Aviation Regulations.** Part 139, *Certification and Operations: Land Airports Serving Certain Air Carriers*, January, 1988. Sold on a subscription basis by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

**H.2.7 FEMA Publications.** Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20472.

ICS-300, *Intermediate Command for Expanding Incidents*, 2008 edition.

**H.2.8 ICAO Publications.** International Civil Aviation Organization, 999 Robert-Bourassa Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, H3C 5H7, Canada.

*International Standards and Recommended Practices — Aerodromes*, Annex 14, 6th Edition, 2013.

*Airport Services Manual*, Part 1, “Rescue and Fire Fighting,” Third Edition, 1990, Doc. 9137-AN/898.

*Airport Services Manual*, Part 7, “Airport Emergency Planning,” Second Edition, 1991, Doc. 9137-AN/898.

*Manual of Aircraft Accident Investigation* (Annex 13), Tenth Edition, 2010, Doc. 6920-AN/855/4.

*Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Annex 18), Doc. 9284-AN/905, 2015-2016.

**H.2.9 Response to an Incident Publications.** *Mass Fatality Incidents: A Guide for Human Identification*. Produced by the National Center for Forensic Science with the assistance of a group of experienced mass fatality forensic responders, this guide aids the medical examiner or coroner in preparing disaster plans with a focus on victim identification. First responders and others can use the guide to understand the death investigation process.)  
[http://www.nts.gov/Family/LEO\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.nts.gov/Family/LEO_brochure.pdf)

*Responding to an Aircraft Accident — How to Support the NTSB*. (For police and public safety personnel). A brochure listing the major tasks required of law enforcement and public safety personnel in the first stages of aircraft accident response.  
[http://www.nts.gov/publicn/gen\\_pub.htm](http://www.nts.gov/publicn/gen_pub.htm)

*National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) Mass Fatality Plan.* NAME's Mass Fatality Plan is a template for jurisdictions creating a plan. Many of the forms are similar to those in use by DMORT.

[http://thename.org/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_download&gid=62&Itemid](http://thename.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=62&Itemid)

*Interpol Disaster Victim Identification Guide.* Information on disaster victim identification, primarily used in Europe and the Middle East. Designed to encourage the compatibility of procedures across international boundaries, this guide gives practical advice on major issues of victim identification, underlining the importance of preplanning and training.

<http://www.interpol.int/Public/DisasterVictim/guide/default.asp>

**H.2.10 U.S. Air Force Technical Reports.** AGFSRS 71-3, Accident/Incident Survey Data Analysis for Aircraft Ground Fire Suppression and Rescue Systems — UDRI, October, 1971.

**H.2.11 U.S. Government Publications.** U.S. Government Publishing Office, 732 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401-0001.

Code of Federal Regulations.

DOD-AGFSRS-75-5, *Aircraft Ground Fire Suppression and Rescue Simulation Model* — UD, August, 1975.

DOD-AGFSRS-76-2, *A Study to Evaluate the Intensity of and Alternative Methods for Neutralization of DOF Aircraft Fuel Spills; Phase 1* — USA MERDC, February, 1976.

(Full-size or microfiche copies of the DOD listed reports are available directly from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.)

*Emergency Medical Services Communications Systems*, U.S. Department of Health, Education & Welfare. Health Services and Mental Health Administration Division of Emergency Health Services, 5000 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852.

DHEN Publication No. (HSM) 73-2003.

*What to Do and How to Report Military Aircraft Accidents*, U.S. Naval Aviation Safety Center, U.S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA 23511.

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), *Civil Aircraft Accident Investigation Guidelines*, Washington, DC 20591.

**H.3 Organizations.** H.3.1 through H.3.6 provide the addresses of organizations throughout the world that may serve as useful sources of information and assistance.

**H.3.1 National Operations.** Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), 421 Aviation Way, Frederick, MD 21701; phone: (301) 695-2000; fax: (301) 695-2375; cable address: AOPA, Washington, DC. Offices open Monday through Friday, 8:30–5:00 (EST).

Department of Transportation

400 Seventh Street, SW

Washington, DC 20590

Federal Aviation Administration

800 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20591

Phone: (202) 366-3282

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Alaskan Region — Anchorage Governing Alaska and Aleutian Islands

Airports Division, AAL-600

Federal Aviation Administration

Anchorage Federal Office Building

222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14

Anchorage, AK 99513

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Airports Division, ACE-600

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601 East 12th Street

Kansas City, MO 64106

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Airports Division, AGL-600

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Des Plaines, IL 60018

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Airports Division, ANE-600

Federal Aviation Administration

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Burlington, MA 01803

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Airport Division, ANM-600

Federal Aviation Administration

1601 Lind Avenue, SW

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College Park, GA 30337

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Airports Division, ASO-600

Federal Aviation Administration

1 P.O. Box 20636

Atlanta, GA 30320

Southwest Region — Fort Worth Governing Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

Airports Division, ASW-600

Federal Aviation Administration

2601 Meacham Boulevard

Fort Worth, TX 76173-4298

Mail Address:

Department of Transportation, ASW-600

Federal Aviation Administration

Fort Worth, TX 76193-0600

Western Pacific Region — Los Angeles Governing Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, Western Pacific

Airports Division, AWP-600

Federal Aviation Administration

15000 Aviation Boulevard

Lawndale, CA 90261

Mail Address:

Airports Division, AWP-600

Federal Aviation Administration

P.O. Box 92007

Worldway Postal Center

Los Angeles, CA 90009

**FAA General Aviation District Offices.** (Unless otherwise noted, address correspondence to General Aviation District Office, Federal Aviation Administration.)

Alaskan Region

Airports Division, AAL-600

Federal Aviation Administration

Anchorage Federal Office Building

222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14

Anchorage, AK 99513

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Airports Division, ACE-600

Federal Aviation Administration

Federal Building

601 East 12th Street

Kansas City, MO 64106

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Pennsylvania, Delaware

Airports District Office, HAR-ADO

Federal Aviation Administration

3911 Hartsdale Drive, Suite 1

Camp Hill, PA 17011

Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia

Airports District Office, WASH-ADO

Federal Aviation Administration

101 W. Broad Street, Suite 300

Falls Church, VA 22046

West Virginia

Airports Field Office, BKW-AFO

Federal Aviation Administration

Main Terminal Building, Room 101

469 Airport Circle

Beaver, WV 25813-9759

## New York, New Jersey

Airports District Office, NYC-ADO  
Federal Aviation Administration  
181 S. Franklin Avenue, Room 305  
Valley Stream, NY 11581

## Great Lakes Region

## Illinois, Indiana

Airports District Office, CHI-ADO-600  
Federal Aviation Administration  
2300 East Devon Avenue  
Des Plaines, IL 60018

## Ohio, Michigan

Airports District Office, DET-ADO-600  
Federal Aviation Administration  
8820 Beck Road  
East Willow Run Airport  
Belleville, MI 48111

## Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota

Airports District Office, MSP-ADO-600  
Federal Aviation Administration  
6020 28th Avenue, South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

## North Dakota

Airports Field Office, BIS-AFO  
Federal Aviation Administration  
2000 University Drive  
Bismarck, ND 58504

## New England Region

Airports Division, ANE-600  
Federal Aviation Administration  
12 New England Executive Park  
Burlington, MA 01803

## Northwest Mountain Region

Washington, Oregon, Idaho  
Airports District Office, SEA-ADO  
Federal Aviation Administration  
1601 Lind Avenue, S.W.  
Renton, WA 98055-4056

## Colorado, Wyoming, Utah

Airports District Office, DEN-ADO  
Federal Aviation Administration  
5440 Roslyn, Suite 300  
Denver, CO 80216-6026

## Montana

Airports District Office, HLN-ADO  
Federal Aviation Administration  
FAA Building, Room 2  
Helena Regional Airport  
Helena, MT 59601

## Southern Region

## Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina

Airports District Office, ATL-ADO  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Campus Building  
1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2-260  
College Park, GA 30337-2747

## Florida, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

Airports District Office, ORL-ADO  
Federal Aviation Administration  
9677 Tradeport Drive, Suite 130  
Orlando, FL 32827

## Tennessee, Kentucky

Airports District Office, MEM-ADO  
Federal Aviation Administration  
2851 Directors Cove, Suite 3  
Memphis, TN 38131-0301

## Mississippi, Alabama

Airports District Office, JAN-ADO  
Federal Aviation Administration  
FAA Bldg. — Jackson International Airport  
120 N. Hangar Drive, Suite B  
Jackson, MS 39208-2306

## Southwest Region

## Arkansas, Louisiana

Airport Development Office, ASW-630  
Department of Transportation  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Fort Worth, TX 76193-0630

## Texas

Airport Development Office, ASW-650  
 Department of Transportation  
 Federal Aviation Administration  
 Fort Worth, TX 76193-0650

## New Mexico, Oklahoma

Airport Development Office, ASW-640  
 Department of Transportation  
 Federal Aviation Administration  
 Fort Worth, TX 76193-0640

## Oklahoma City Airports District Office

Federal Aviation Administration  
 5909 Phillip J. Rhodes Avenue  
 Wiley Post Airport  
 Bethany, OK 73008

## Albuquerque Airports District Office

Federal Aviation Administration  
 1601 Randolph SE, Suite 201N  
 Albuquerque, NM 87106

## Western-Pacific Region

Northern California,<sup>1</sup> Nevada

Airports District Office, SFO-600  
 Federal Aviation Administration  
 831 Mitten Road, Room 210  
 Burlingame, CA 94010-1303

## Hawaii, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands

Airports District Office, HNL-600  
 Federal Aviation Administration  
 Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole Bldg.  
 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 7116  
 Honolulu, HI 96813

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 Federal Aviation Administration  
 Box 50244  
 Honolulu, HI 96850-0001

<sup>1</sup>Northern California includes the counties of San Luis Obispo, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Mono, and all counties north thereof. Southern California includes the counties of Santa Barbara, Kern, Inyo, and all counties south thereof, which are served directly from the Airports Division, AWP-600.

**H.3.2 Federal Communications Commission.** Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M St., NW, Washington, DC 20554. Consumer Assistance and Small Business Division; phone (202) 418-0200.

**FCC Field Operating Offices.**

Anchorage, AK — Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, P.O. Box 2955, 1011 East Tudor Rd., Room 240, Anchorage, AK 99510

Atlanta, GA — Room 440, Massell Building, 1365 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309

Baltimore, MD — 1017 Federal Building, 31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201

Boston, MA — 1600 Customhouse, 165 State Street, Boston, MA 02109

Buffalo, NY — 1307 Federal Building, 111 West Huron St., Buffalo, NY 14202

Chicago, IL — 230 S. Dearborn St., Room 3940, Chicago, IL 60604

Cincinnati, OH — 8620 Winton Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45231

Dallas, TX — Earle Cabell Federal Building, U.S. Courthouse, Room 13E7, 1100 Commerce St., Dallas, TX 75242

Denver, CO — 12477 West Cedar Dr., Denver, CO 80228

Detroit, MI — 1054 Federal Building, 231 W. LaFayette St., Detroit, MI 48226

Honolulu, HI — Prince Kuhio Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 7304, P.O. Box 50023, Honolulu, HI 96850

Houston, TX — New Federal Office Building, 515 Rusk Ave., Room 5636, Houston, TX 77002

Kansas City, MO — Brywood Office Tower, Room 320, 8800 East 63rd St., Kansas City, MO 64133

Long Beach, CA — Room 501, 3711 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90807

Miami, FL — Room 919, 51 S.W. First Ave., Miami, FL 33130

New Orleans, LA — 1009 F. Edward Hebert Federal Building, 600 South St., New Orleans, LA 70130

New York, NY — 2-1 Varick St., New York, NY 10014

Norfolk, VA — Military Circle, 870 N. Military Highway, Norfolk, VA 23501

Philadelphia, PA — One Oxford Valley Office Bldg., Suite 505, 2300 E. Lincoln Highway, Langhorne, PA 19047

Portland, OR — 1782 Federal Office Building, 1220 S.W. Third Ave, Portland, OR 97204

St. Paul, MN — 691 Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, 316 North Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55101

San Diego, CA — 7840 El Cajon Blvd., Room 405, La Mesa, CA 92041

San Francisco, CA — 423 Customhouse, 555 Battery St., San Francisco, CA 94111

San Juan, Puerto Rico — 747 Federal Building, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, 00918



Seattle, WA — 3256 Federal Building, 915 Second Ave., Seattle, WA 98174

Tampa, FL — Interstate Bldg., Room 601, 1211 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33607

**H.3.3 National Transportation Safety Board.** National Transportation Safety Board, 800 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20594. Phone: (202) 382-6600.

#### **NTSB Field Offices.**

Northeast Regional Office, 2001 Route 46, Suite 203, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Northeast Field Office, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20594

Southeast Regional Office, 8405 N.W., 53rd Street, Suite B-103, Miami, FL 33166

Southeast Field Office, 1720 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 321, Atlanta, GA 30309

North Central Regional Office, 31 West 775 North Avenue, West Chicago, IL 60185

South Central Regional Office, 1200 Copeland Road, Suite 300, Arlington, TX 76011

South Central Field Office, 4760 Oakland Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80239

Northwest Regional Office, 19518, Pacific Highway South, Room 201, Seattle, WA 98188

Northwest Field Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, Room 142, Box 11, Anchorage, AK 99513

Southwest Regional Office, 1515 W. 190th Street, Suite 555, Gardena, CA 90248

#### **State Aeronautical Agencies.**

Alabama Dept. of Aeronautics, State Highway Bldg., 11 S. Union St., Montgomery, AL 36130

Alaska Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities, Commissioner of Transportation, Pouch Z, Juneau, AK 99811, or Pouch 6900, Anchorage, AK 99502

Arizona Div. of Aeronautics, 1801 W. Jefferson, Room 426, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Arkansas Div. of Aeronautics, Adams Field — Old Terminal Bldg., Little Rock, AR 72202

California Div. of Aeronautics, Dept. of Transportation, 1120 N St., Sacramento, CA 95814

Colorado, Office of the Governor, 136 State Capital Bldg., Denver, CO 80203 (There is no state aviation agency.)

Connecticut Bureau of Aeronautics — DOT, P.O. Drawer A — 24 Wolcott Hill Rd., Wethersfield, CT 06109

Delaware Transportation Authority, Dept. of Transportation, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19901

Florida Bureau of Aviation, Dept. of Transportation, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19901

Georgia Bureau of Aeronautics, Dept. of Transportation, 5025 New Peachtree Rd., N.E., Chamblee, GA 30341

Hawaii Airports Division, Dept. of Transportation, Honolulu International Airport, Honolulu, HI 96819

Idaho Div. of Aeronautics and Public Transportation, 3483 Rickenbacker St., Boise, ID 83705

Illinois Div. of Aeronautics, Dept. of Transportation, Capital Airport — One Langhorne Bond Dr., Springfield, IL 62706

Indiana Div. of Aeronautics, 143 West Market St., Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Iowa Aeronautics Div., Dept. of Transportation, State House, Des Moines, IA 50319

Kansas Aviation Div., Dept. of Transportation, State Office Bldg., Topeka, KS 66612

Kentucky Div. of Mass Transportation, Dept. of Transportation, State Office Bldg., Frankfort, KY 40622

Louisiana Office of Aviation and Public Transportation, Dept. of Transportation and Development, P.O. Box 44245 — Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Maine Division of Aeronautics, Dept. of Transportation, State Office Bldg., Augusta, ME 04333

Maryland State Aviation Administration, Dept. of Transportation, P.O. Box 8766, Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Baltimore, MD 21240

Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, Boston-Logan Airport, E. Boston, MA 02128

Michigan Aeronautics Commission, Dept. of Transportation, Capital City Airport, Lansing, MI 48906

Minnesota Aeronautics Division, Department of Transportation, Transportation Bldg., St. Paul, MN 55155

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**III. Step 1: First Draft Report.** The First Draft Report is defined as “Part one of the Technical Committee Report, which documents the Input Stage.” The First Draft Report consists of the First Draft, Public Input, Committee Input, Committee and Correlating Committee Statements, Correlating Notes, and Ballot Statements. (See *Regs* at 4.2.5.2 and Section 4.3.) Any objection to an action in the First Draft Report must be raised through the filing of an appropriate Committee form for consideration in the Second Draft Report or the objection will be considered resolved. [See *Regs* at 4.3.1(b).]

**IV. Step 2: Second Draft Report.** The Second Draft Report is defined as “Part two of the Technical Committee Report, which documents the Comment Stage.” The Second Draft Report consists of the Second Draft, Public Comments with corresponding Committee Actions and Committee Statements, Correlating Notes and their respective Committee Statements, Committee Comments, Correlating Revisions, and Ballot Statements. (See *Regs* at 4.2.5.2 and Section 4.4.) The First Draft Report and the Second Draft Report together constitute the Technical Committee Report. Any outstanding objection following the Second Draft Report must be raised through an appropriate Amending Motion at the NFPA Technical Meeting or the objection will be considered resolved. [See *Regs* at 4.4.1(b).]

**V. Step 3a: Action at NFPA Technical Meeting.** Following the publication of the Second Draft Report, there is a period during which those wishing to make proper Amending Motions on the Technical Committee Reports must signal their intention by submitting a Notice of Intent to Make a Motion (NITMAM). (See *Regs* at 4.5.2.) Standards that receive notice of proper Amending Motions (Certified Amending Motions) will be presented for action at the annual June NFPA Technical Meeting. At the meeting, the NFPA membership can consider and act on these Certified Amending Motions as well as Follow-up Amending Motions, that is, motions that become necessary as a result of a previous successful Amending Motion. (See 4.5.3.2 through 4.5.3.6 and Table 1, Columns 1-3 of *Regs* for a summary of the available Amending Motions and who may make them.) Any outstanding objection following action at an NFPA Technical Meeting (and any further Technical Committee consideration following successful Amending Motions, see *Regs* at 4.5.3.7 through 4.6.5.3) must be raised through an appeal to the Standards Council or it will be considered to be resolved.

**VI. Step 3b: Documents Forwarded Directly to the Council.** Where no NITMAM is received and certified in accordance with the Technical Meeting Convention Rules, the standard is forwarded directly to the Standards Council for action on issuance. Objections are deemed to be resolved for these documents. (See *Regs* at 4.5.2.5.)

**VII. Step 4a: Council Appeals.** Anyone can appeal to the Standards Council concerning procedural or substantive matters related to the development, content, or issuance of any document of the NFPA or on matters within the purview of the authority of the Council, as established by the Bylaws and as determined by the Board of Directors. Such appeals must be in written form and filed with the Secretary of the Standards Council (see *Regs* at Section 1.6). Time constraints for filing an appeal must be in accordance with 1.6.2 of the *Regs*. Objections are deemed to be resolved if not pursued at this level.

**VIII. Step 4b: Document Issuance.** The Standards Council is the issuer of all documents (see Article 8 of *Bylaws*). The Council acts on the issuance of a document presented for action at an NFPA Technical Meeting within 75 days from the date of the recommendation from the NFPA Technical Meeting, unless this period is extended by the Council (see *Regs* at 4.7.2). For documents forwarded directly to the Standards Council, the Council acts on the issuance of the document at its next scheduled meeting, or at such other meeting as the Council may determine (see *Regs* at 4.5.2.5 and 4.7.4).

**IX. Petitions to the Board of Directors.** The Standards Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the codes and standards development process and the issuance of documents. However, where extraordinary circumstances requiring the intervention of the Board of Directors exist, the Board of Directors may take any action necessary to fulfill its obligations to preserve the integrity of the codes and standards development process and to protect the interests of the NFPA. The rules for petitioning the Board of Directors can be found in the *Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council* and in Section 1.7 of the *Regs*.

**X. For More Information.** The program for the NFPA Technical Meeting (as well as the NFPA website as information becomes available) should be consulted for the date on which each report scheduled for consideration at the meeting will be presented. To view the First Draft Report and Second Draft Report as well as information on NFPA rules and for up-to-date information on schedules and deadlines for processing NFPA documents, check the NFPA website (www.nfpa.org/docinfo) or contact NFPA Codes & Standards Administration at (617) 984-7246.



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