**2016 Region 5 Night Air Operations Mobilization and Notification Procedure**

Night air operations are approved for the Angeles (ANF), San Bernardino (BDF), Cleveland (CNF) and Los Padres (LPF) National Forests except the Monterey District.

Before committing night air operation resources outside the above-approved locations, approval must be granted from the Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) Duty Chief. The approval or denial of the request will be documented in the ROSS order by the GACC. The Unit making the request must ensure that there is staffing in dispatch for the night operations, flight following, and in case there is an emergency.

The following procedures and responsibilities will be followed:

ANF:

The Angeles Emergency Communication Center (ECC) will notify the GACC Night Aviation Duty Officer anytime night flying aircraft are being dispatched to an incident (see contact list for phone number) and provide the following information:

Incident name, incident number, geographical location, lat and long, which night flying resources are being committed and other pertinent information.

When the night flying aircraft are cancelled or back on base ANF ECC will notify the GACC Aviation Duty Officer.

Preapproved Units:

The requesting ECC will request AA-51, and H-531 direct from ANF ECC. When requesting night flying aircraft, the requesting ECC will provide the required information pursuant the FC-106 California Interagency Aircraft Dispatch (CIAD). Immediately after making the request for night flying aircraft, the requesting ECC will follow up with the ROSS Requests direct to ANF ECC. If H-531 is requested, the on duty helicopter manager will determine a primary and secondary water points (helispots) and advise ANF ECC. ANF ECC will then advise the requesting unit ECC of the primary and secondary water points (helispots) and the requesting unit should reference the Night Helispot Guide for any particular requirements (notifications, engine required, etc.) for those helispots.

Once the night flying aircraft have been requested from ANF ECC, the requesting ECC will notify the GACC Aviation Duty Officer (see contact list for phone number) and provide the following information:

Incident name, incident number, geographical location, lat and long, which night flying resources are being committed and other pertinent information.

When the night flying aircraft are cancelled or released the host unit will notify the GACC Aviation Duty Officer and ANF ECC.

The Hosting Unit Responsibilities

Once night flying aircraft are committed to a unit other than the ANF, the host unit ECC will be responsible for mobilization of night flying aviation resources. This includes receiving requests from the GACC for initial attack.

The host unit ECC where the aircraft are assigned will be responsible for determining night dispatch procedures either directly with aviation resource or with the incident they are assigned. The host ECC and incident will establish a point of contact for mobilization of the night-flying aircraft.

The requesting ECC will request AA-51 and H-531 through the GACC when the night flying resources are not on their home unit. When requesting night flying aircraft, the requesting ECC will provide the required information pursuant the FC-106 California Interagency Aircraft Dispatch (CIAD). Immediately after making the request for night flying aircraft, the requesting ECC will follow up with the ROSS Requests to the GACC. When H-531 is requested, the on duty helicopter manager will determine a primary and secondary water points (helispots) and advise the host ECC, who will advise the GACC, who will, in turn, advise the requesting ECC. The requesting unit should reference the Night Helispot Guide for any particular requirements (notifications, engine required, etc.) for those helispots.

When the night flying aircraft are cancelled or released the host unit will notify the GACC Aviation Duty Officer.

The GACC’s Responsibilities

The GACC Night Aviation Duty Officer will be the contact for all night flying operations (see contact list for phone number).

The GACC Night Aviation Duty Officer will deconflict the airspace with the military, and relay the status of Military Training Routes (MTR) traffic to the sending and receiving units.

If a TFR or additional frequencies are needed, they will be requested through the GACC Night Aviation Duty Officer and will be followed up with the ROSS request to the GACC.

NOTE: In the event that two requests for the night flying aircraft occur at the same time the ANF ECC will call the GACC Night Aviation Duty Officer, who will determine which incident will receive the aircraft based on the following Risk Assessment Prioritization.

* What are the critical values at risk?
1. Imminent Life Threat.
2. Imminent Structure or Infrastructure Threat.
3. Imminent threat to Natural Resources.
* What is the chance the critical values will be impacted, and if so what are the consequences?
* What is the relative probability of success associated with the alternatives being considered?

The GACC Night Aviation Duty Officer will be responsible for being available to receive night flying information and forwarding that information to a pre-determined contact list for Regional Office notifications.

**Night Operations Contact List:**

Primary Contact for GACC Night Aviation Duty Officer: **951-320-2093**

In the event that the GACC Night Aviation Duty Officer is unable to answer their phone, the ordering ECC will call the GACC Night Duty Officer at **951-276-6725.**

**GACC Night Aviation Duty Officer will notify the following via text.**

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