

## **A. AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT GENERAL INFORMATION**

**It is important that you take a few minutes to become familiar with this guide.**

This guide establishes the actions to take in the event of an aircraft incident, accident, or search and rescue. The intent is for this guide to be reviewed and revised to fit the needs of the local user. The scope of this guide outlines the basic procedures necessary to activate all emergency, crash, search and rescue and associated support services as rapidly and orderly as possible. **Only after local updating will this guide satisfy the needs of a thorough plan of action.** It is recommended that this guide be updated annually.

This guide has four major categories:

- **Missing Aircraft**
- **Overdue Aircraft**
- **Aircraft Accident - Aircraft Within Crash/Fire/Rescue Airport's Response Area.**
- **Aircraft Accident - Aircraft Away From Crash/Fire/Rescue Equipped Airport.**

Each category lists priorities and actions to follow.

Additional information is provided in the appendices to assist in the planning and execution phases of crash, search and rescue.

**PLAN \* ACT \* INFORM \* COORDINATE \* LOCATE \* RECOVER \* SECURE \* RECORD**

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## Someone's Life May Depend on Your Actions

### **SIX THOUGHTS**

Thoughts to consider in any aviation operation:

1. You are now in charge of a sacred trust, the safety of human lives.
2. You must not let undue pressure (expressed or implied) influence your judgment during the performance of this sacred trust.
3. You must be able to develop a team in which members must participate and contribute to the safety of the operation.
4. You must delete "false pride," "calculated risk," "real world," and "good enough for government work" from your professional vocabulary.
5. You will not be criticized or stigmatized for any decision you make which will ensure added safety to an operation.
6. You must not let your actions instill the attitude of competition between pilots; this attitude may hinder their performance and may compromise the safety of the mission.