

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

**TAB A – AVIATION SUPPORT PLAN**

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

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

**I. INTRODUCTION**

A. Purpose

This appendix establishes consistent policies, organizational structures, and procedures for the use of aviation support during emergencies in Ohio.

B. Scope

This appendix establishes parameters for the effective integration of aviation assets into disaster response and recovery activities.

**II. ASSUMPTIONS**

A. Disasters will result in a need for aircraft to support operations in the impacted area.

B. State government is responsible for planning, organizing, directing, managing, and controlling SARDA (State and Regional Disaster Airlift) operations prior to activation of the Federal Response Plan (FRP). After activation of the FRP, The states must contact the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) and then coordinate missions closely with ESF-1, Transportation, at the Disaster Field Office (DFO).

C. Aviation assets used in disaster aviation support operations in Ohio will remain under the command of their parent organization/owner/operator.

D. The State of Ohio will coordinate disaster air operations.

E. Airspace control and management rests with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

F. Ohio EMA can activate all or part of the SARDA plan.

- G. Aircraft and crews may be prepositioned at staging areas in order to be in a position to respond after a disaster strikes.
- H. All personnel responding in accordance with the plan will possess current Civil Air Patrol qualifications in the specialty they are performing.

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

#### **A. General**

1. Most aviation support will be limited in scope to the site of the disaster area during the assessment levels of CAS I and II. For early reconnaissance flights, the Air Operations Manager (AOM) may be called during the early stages of the event assessment.
2. During CAS III, the AOM will be requested to join state personnel in the Ohio Emergency Operations Center (Ohio EOC). The AOM will be the central point of contact for disaster aviation support activities. Depending on the severity of the situation, or the anticipated levels of air operations, additional staffing may be activated at the Ohio EOC, a near-site airport, or other appropriate facility to support this function.
3. During CAS III, the AOM may select a location and alert additional staff to support forward air operations. Aviation Liaisons may also be positioned in the Ohio EOC. The aviation support system will address the coordination and allocation of resources, staging, logistics, intelligence, reporting, and communications for air support.
4. The Ohio Wing, CAP maintains command and control of all of its resources.

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

1. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) will notify ODOT-AVI when activation is required.
2. Ohio EMA will contact the CAP Alerting Officer to request the assistance of the Ohio Wing, CAP.

#### **C. Federal Coordination**

1. The ODOT-AVI Administrator will coordinate with the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO), the Executive Director of the Ohio EMA acting as the SCO, and ESF-1 personnel for federal aviation assets.
2. Funding will be in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288, as amended). When the State

tasks the SARDA resources or the Ohio Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) directly, any reimbursement would be from State funds unless the State has arranged for a Federal request for the mission and has received a Mission Assignment Number from FEMA. In this case, the reimbursement will normally be 75 percent Federal and 25 percent State funds. Reimbursement will normally be 100 percent federal if the mission originated with FEMA.

3. In large-scale disasters, when immediate damage assessments are needed, federal mission assignments may be made directly to the CAP through the Air Force National Security Emergency Preparedness Office (AFNSEP), at Fort McPherson, Ga. The State aviation office or emergency management organization will forward damage assessments to FEMA.

D. SARDA operations may include the following activities:

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

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

1. Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation (ODOT-AVI)
  - a. Provide an Air Operations Manager to the Ohio EOC.(see #10)
  - b. In coordination with responding state agencies, recommend aviation resources that can assist in the response and recovery.
  - c. Coordinate notification, deployment, and arrival of the aviation assets.
  - d. Coordinate with the other organizations (public & private) to determine the availability of additional or specialized aviation assets.
  - e. Coordinate supply of aviation assets.
  - f. Provide aircraft to support disaster air operations.
  - g. Provide qualified personnel to assist in the management of air operations.
  - h. Provide maintenance facilities and personnel to provide logistical support to the OSHP, ODOT, and ODNR aircraft dedicated to the disaster operations.
  - i. Establish a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) as required or appropriate.
2. Air Operations Manager
  - a. Act as liaison among aviation resource agencies.
  - b. Maintain and update aviation resource list and track status of resources during emergencies.
  - c. Identify necessary staffing, and activate selected components.
  - d. Identify the need for temporary flight restrictions, and coordinate the requests with FAA.
  - e. If requested by the FAA, establish restricted airspace management.
  - f. As necessary, identify and establish a forward staging area, and the associated logistical support necessary for operations.
  - g. Brief the Ohio EOC on the status of air operations, including current missions, available aircraft by type, locations of staging areas, and proposed priorities for aviation support.

- h. Advise the Ohio EOC personnel on aircraft capabilities, recommendations for appropriate missions by type of aircraft, and restrictions or costs associated with use of private sector aircraft.
      - i. Respond to requests for aviation support from the Ohio EOC.
      - j. Maintain Daily Aviation Activity Logs including all missions flown.
      - k. Coordinate maintenance and logistical support for aircraft.
- 3. Adjutant General's Department, Ohio National Guard
  - a. Provide a point of contact for the Air Operations Manager at the Ohio EOC.
  - b. Provide aircraft to support disaster air operations, as available.
  - c. Provide personnel and equipment to provide aviation communications, as available.
- 4. Ohio Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP)
  - a. Provide aircraft to support disaster air operations, including, but not limited to aerial damage assessment, communications support and surveillance of surface traffic.
  - b. Provides personnel to assist in the management of air operations, facilities and equipment.
  - c. Provide personnel to track mission aircraft.
  - d. Provide communications links between aircraft and personnel tracking aircraft.
  - e. Maintain a situation map that tracks all aircraft employed by the State of Ohio during disaster operations in order to reduce the risk of mid-air collisions and to insure more efficient use of aviation assets.
  - f. Provide the ODOT Office of Aviation with real-time information about the location of assets and types of missions.
  - g. The CAP Wing Commander and headquarters will supervise CAP subordinate units and provide a Point of Contact to the ESF-1 Air Operations Manager or the ODOT Emergency Management Coordinator at the Ohio EOC.

- h. Provide runners, if required, to keep communications flowing between trackers, the Office of Aviation and communications personnel.
- 5. Ohio Emergency Management Agency
  - a. Support radio communications systems for aviation resources.
  - b. Provide a communications room for Ohio Wing, Civil Air Patrol and amateur radio operator's radios and communications.
- 6. Ohio Highway Patrol
  - a. Provide a point of contact to the Air Operations Manager at the Ohio EOC.
  - b. Provide aircraft and aircrews to support disaster air operations.
  - c. Provide Aviation Communications relay, as appropriate.

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

- A. Each organization listed in the Aviation Support Plan will maintain organizational resource listings and internal standard operating procedures that document equipment, supplies, services and the procedures required to obtain such during emergencies.