

COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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TO: All Concerned Commanding Officers

FROM: Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY AIR TRANSPORTATION PLAN – REVISED

The annual audit of the Emergency Air Transportation Plan (EATP) has been completed and has resulted in minor revisions. The revisions consist of the following:

- The Essential City Personnel list has been updated.
- The Regional Emergency Landing Sites and alternate facilities have been updated.
- The Emergency Radio Access has been updated.

Supervisors shall ensure that the revised *“Response Protocols – Emergency Air Transportation Plan”* be placed inside both the current Divisional Standing Plans (Section IV Mobilization), and the *“Supervisor’s Field Operations Guide”* (FOG) under the “Unusual Occurrence Resources, Laws, and Reports” tab. The FOG should be used as a reference guide in the event of a major incident requiring air transport for essential City personnel.

If you have questions regarding this Notice, please contact the EATP Coordinator, Captain Sean Parker, Commanding Officer, Air Support Division, at (213) 473-8180.



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RESPONSE PROTOCOLS EMERGENCY AIR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Emergency Air Transportation Plan (EATP) Coordinator will establish the EATP and cause notification to the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief or their designee as soon as possible following activation. The EATP Coordinator will direct City air assets to begin flying EATP missions to the **four Regional Emergency Landing Sites per the Rendezvous Matrix (below)**. **An additional air asset will be utilized to respond to alternate landing sites as necessary in accordance with the EATP.** The Rendezvous Matrix illustrates the time frames that air assets will attempt to make contact at the four regional landing zones. Personnel who have been identified as “Essential City Personnel” shall respond to the regional landing sites per the Rendezvous Matrix. The Rendezvous Matrix has been designed to meet potential flight times of air assets. Personnel awaiting the arrival of an air asset must be vigilant in adhering to the matrix. *If air assets do not arrive during the indicated time, return to the pickup site at the next scheduled rendezvous time and continue the process until contact with an air asset or the EATP Coordinator has been achieved.*

In most cases, City air assets can only accommodate two passengers. The EATP Coordinator will decide the order in which Essential City Personnel will be transported if more than two people are awaiting transport at the same pickup site.

Rendezvous Matrix

Rendezvous Time	Standby Time
2400 hours	Remain at site until 0200 hours
0400 hours	Remain at site until 0600 hours
0800 hours	Remain at site until 1000 hours
1200 hours	Remain at site until 1400 hours
1600 hours	Remain at site until 1800 hours
2000 hours	Remain at site until 2200 hours

“Essential City Personnel” utilizing the EATP are reminded to bring only those personal care items to sustain themselves for a minimum of three days. All helicopters will vary in weight and balance performance, thus limiting the number of passengers and luggage per aircraft.

EMERGENCY RADIO ACCESS

When all usual communications capabilities are impaired, it may *still* be possible to access radio systems during such incidents. The following radio protocols should be attempted sequentially during incidents where a total communications failure has occurred in order to utilize Police/Fire Department radios to access Mutual Aid Channels and hail the EATP Coordinator or any City helicopter who will relay the message to the EATP Coordinator.

Direct / Simplex Mode on LAPD Divisional Fallback Channels and Tactical Channels

Department personnel may be able to communicate using handheld and mobile radios in Direct / Simplex mode on any LAPD Divisional Fallback Channel or tactical channel. On the newly issued LAPD APX-8000 Departmental Simplex Channels are located in Zone-26 Channels 101 through 125. These channels DO NOT require the manipulation of the "A B C Toggle" as these channels are pre-programmed in DIRECT / SIMPLEX Mode. To utilize the "FALLBACK" Channels, use Zone-26 Channels 301 through 325. These channels are pre-programmed in the "REPEATER / DUPLEX" mode and DO NOT require the manipulation of the "A B C Toggle."

**** NOTE: To utilize Direct / Simplex mode on Department issued Motorola XTS-5000 handheld radios, first select a Divisional Fallback Channel or tactical channel then place the "A B C" toggle switch in position "B". When using a Department mobile radio, select a Divisional Fallback Channel or tactical channel then press the "DIR" button. These communications are limited to line of sight and only radios tuned to the same Fallback Channel or tactical channel can receive/return broadcasts. ****

Local Mutual Aid Channels

Mutual Aid Channels may be utilized if they are available. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) maintains several channels that are currently programmed into the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) radios. These channels are part of the Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communications System (LARTCS). The LARTCS provides direct communication interoperability between law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, Federal, State and military agencies at the scene of a major, multi-agency incident. These incidents may be short term (felony pursuits through multiple jurisdictions, fires, hazardous materials, etc.) or long term (large-scale fires or floods, civil disturbances, terrorist incidents, etc.). Safety of the on-scene personnel involved in these incidents will be enhanced through real-time, unit-to-unit communication. The LARTCS channels are available to any public safety agency within Los Angeles County or the surrounding counties. Keep in mind that during a disaster, these channels may be utilized by other agencies.

To utilize these channels, a request must be made to the LASD Communications Center at (323) 881-8100. During an emergency or disaster, and when a telephone cannot be utilized to contact the LASD Communications Center, turn the LAPD Radio to Channel 80. This is the LASD Access Channel. This channel is available to all outside agencies. ****NOTE: In addition to being the access channel, it is also the primary dispatch channel for the LASD Parks Bureau****

- LARTCS MA/1 – ZONE-26 / CHANNEL 81
- LARTCS MA/2 – ZONE-26/ CHANNEL 82
- LARTCS MA/3 – ZONE-26/ CHANNEL 83
- LARTCS MA/4 – ZONE-26/ CHANNEL 84
- LARTCS MA/5 – ZONE-26 /CHANNEL 85

NOTE: Mutual Aid Channels operate via a repeater system, have a greater range and should be utilized first.

Nationwide Mutual Aid Channels

The LAPD is authorized to use several Non-Federal National Interoperability Channels. The U-Call channel is a shared national calling channel, and the U-Tac channels are shared national tactical channels. These channels are for multi-agency responses similar to Fire Ground and Mutual Aid channels. The U-Call and U-Tac channels will allow interoperability between all agencies that have these frequencies in their radios. These channels are shared, and may be utilized by other surrounding agencies, *and should only be utilized as a last resort.*

- U-CALL40D- ZONE-26 / CHANNEL 69 (Simplex / Direct Mode)
- U-TAC-41D- ZONE-26 / CHANNEL 70 (Simplex / Direct Mode)
- U-TAC-42D- ZONE-26 / CHANNEL 71 (Simplex / Direct Mode)
- U-TAC-43D- ZONE-26 / CHANNEL 72 (Simplex / Direct Mode)

NOTE: The U-CALL and U-TAC UHF channels should only be used in Direct / Simplex Mode. This allows direct line of sight communication only.

AIR CREW RESPONSIBILITIES – LAPD / LAFD

- Staff air resources with personnel to complete missions – LAPD/LAFD
- Flight crew will manage landing zones from the air - LAPD
- Provide instruction to prospective passengers on air safety – LAPD / LAFD
- Verify “Essential City Personnel” authorization to EATP - LAPD
- Transport “Essential City Personnel” to designated locations – LAPD/LAFD
- Communicate all EATP transports with EATP Coordinator – LAPD/LAFD
- Five air assets will be assigned to fly the EATP missions as directed.
 - Four air assets will respond to Primary Regional Emergency Landing Sites.
 - One air asset will be tasked with responding to all other EATP locations.
- Helicopter Landing Zone Protocols shall be followed.

NOTE: The updated “Essential City Personnel” list will be provided semiannually to all air crews for inclusion in their aviation plans.

ESSENTIAL CITY PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES

In the event of partial communications failure, “Essential City Personnel” shall attempt to initiate contact with the EATP Coordinator through one of the means listed below:

- Call Air Support Division (ASD) Watch Commander at (213) 485-2600, or ASD administrative office at (213) 473-8180, during regular business hours;
- Radio – Police/Fire Department Radio to **Zone-26** Channel 43 – Citywide TAC-1;
- If **Zone-26** Channel 43, Citywide Tac-1 is unavailable, utilize the Emergency Radio as outlined above;
- Utilize Emergency Communication Protocols;
- Send an email to doc@lapd.online; or,
- Provide current location information to EATP Coordinator.

With any level of communications failure:

- Respond to the nearest regional Emergency Landing Site per the Rendezvous Matrix (see Page 1 of 10);
- If unable to respond to one of the four Regional Emergency Landing Sites, respond to the nearest police station and advise the watch commander that you are on the “Essential City Personnel” list;
- Prepare for rendezvous with air asset and follow directions of ground/flight crew personnel at the landing site;
- If no ground crew is present at the landing site, conduct a visual site survey of the landing area where the helicopter is likely to land. Check for obstructions or items that could interfere with the landing of the aircraft. When possible, clear the obstructions from the landing area. The pilot of the aircraft will survey the area prior to landing and will land in an area determined to be the safest; and,
- Approach aircraft with extreme caution.
 - Always follow directions of the ground/flight crew;
 - If no ground crew, remain at least 300 feet away from the aircraft until the pilot/crew from the aircraft provide direction to approach;
 - Always approach aircraft from the front of aircraft;
 - Approach with caution and be alert for moving parts that may not be visible;
 - Board the aircraft ONLY when directed by the flight crew; and,
 - Once boarded be guided by all instructions from the flight crew.

WATCH COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Verify the individual requesting emergency air transportation is listed on the “Essential City Personnel” list;

NOTE: The “Essential City Personnel” list will be compiled and updated by the Emergency Management Department (EMD). The EMD will disseminate the updated list to the LAPD, Department Operations Center (DOC) and all City Heads of Departments. The DOC will distribute the updated list to all Watch Commanders (W/Cs) immediately upon receipt from EMD. Watch Commanders will place the updated “Essential City Personnel” list in the Area Standing Plans.

- Upon verification, assign personnel to contact air assets that are within line of sight of the police station using ROVERs;
- Advise the air asset that an authorized EATP user is standing by at the police facility for emergency air transport;
- Obtain a time and location where the EATP air asset will rendezvous with the “Essential City Personnel”;
- Assign personnel to transport and assist the “Essential City Personnel” to rendezvous with the air asset;

- Assist ground/flight crews as necessary to facilitate the safe landing and takeoff of the air asset. It may be necessary to close off a City street, park, or large parking lot to facilitate the landing of an air asset, and assign personnel as needed; and,
- Document the EATP activity and forward to the Department EATP Coordinator, C/O, ASD.

NOTE: It is imperative that only those personnel who have been designated as “Essential City Personnel” gain access to emergency air transportation in compliance with the EATP. City Heads of Departments delegate authority to each flight crew to deny access to any person, *regardless of rank or position*, who is not listed on the “Essential City Personnel” list.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY LANDING SITES

EAST

1. Brackett Field Airport (POC) (Specific location: Restaurant area, south side of airport)
1615 McKinley Avenue, La Verne, CA 91750
(909) 593-1395 (**Regional Site**)

NORTH

2. Santa Clarita Sheriff’s Station
23740 West Magic Mountain Parkway, Santa Clarita, CA 91335
(661) 255-1121 (**Regional Site**)
***Roof top pad - May not be safe in the event of an earthquake.**

SOUTH

3. Orange County-John Wayne Airport (SNA) (Thomas Riley Terminal)
18601 Airport Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707
(949) 252-5000 (**Regional Site**)

WEST

4. Ventura County Sheriff’s Department, East Valley Station
2101 East Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
(805) 388-4212 (**Regional Site**)
(805) 654-9511 (After 1800 hours)

NOTE: In the event you are unable to respond to any of the four Regional Emergency Landing Sites, respond to the nearest police facility and advise the watch commander that you are on the “Essential City Personnel” list. Request the watch commander to contact the EATP Coordinator per procedures listed previously.

ALTERNATE PICK-UP SITES

In addition to the four regional landing sites, the following locations have been identified by the EATP Coordinator to be viable alternative landing sites. This list may be amended at any time by

the EATP Coordinator to ensure the safety of all personnel involved in the EATP. This list is not all inclusive and personnel may be directed to additional landing sites not listed within the EATP.

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES

1. C. Erwin Piper Technical Facility - Hooper Heliport
555 Ramirez Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 485-2600

LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES

2. Los Angeles City Fire Department, Station 88
5101 North Sepulveda Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
(818) 756-8688
3. Van Nuys Airport (VNY) (Specific location: Los Angeles Fire Department Station 114)
16617 Arminta Street, Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 756-8635

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FACILITIES

4. Industry Station
150 North Hudson Avenue, City of Industry, CA 91744
(626) 330-3322
5. Long Beach Airport (LGB) (Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Aero Bureau)
3235 North Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90808
(562) 421-2701
6. Malibu/Lost Hills Station
27050 Agoura Road, Agoura, CA 91301
(818) 878-1808
7. West Hollywood Station
720 North San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90069
(310) 855-8850
***Roof top pad – May not be safe in the event of an earthquake.**

OTHER FACILITIES

8. Burbank Airport (BUR) (Specific location: Million Air Fixed Base Operation)
2800 North Clybourn Street, Burbank, CA 91505
(818) 843-8311
9. Cable Airport – Upland (CCB)
1749 West 13th Street, Upland, CA 91786
(909) 982-6021
10. San Gabriel Valley Airport (EMT) (Specific location: Fuel pit area, east side of airport)
4233 North Santa Anita Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731
(626) 695-2585
11. Fullerton Airport (FUL) (Specific location: Fuel pit area, midfield, south side of airport)
4011 West Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92833
(714) 738-6323
12. Huntington Beach Police Heliport
18401 Gothard Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648
(714) 536-5609
13. Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) (Specific location: Standard Aero Building)
6201 West Imperial Highway, Los Angeles, CA 90045
(310) 568-3783
14. Ontario Police Department Heliport
2009 West Porterfield Way Suite-B, Upland, CA 91786
(909) 408-1930
(909) 477-0264 (Officer-In-Charge Cellular Telephone)
15. Pasadena Police Department Heliport
2175 Yucca Lane, Altadena, CA 91001
(626) 744-4625
16. Santa Monica Airport (SMO) (Specific location: South side of runway)
3223 Donald Douglas Loop South, Santa Monica, CA 90405
(310) 458-8591
17. Torrance Airport (TOA) (Specific location: North end of runway, off Skypark Drive)
3301 Airport Drive, Torrance, CA 90505
(310) 784-7914
(323) 828-5242 (Between 2200-0600 hours)

ESSENTIAL CITY PERSONNEL

The following matrix contains those critical positions within the City that have been identified as Critical Job Functions by City General Managers. Personnel assigned to those Critical Job Functions are deemed to be “Essential City Personnel.” As such “Essential City Personnel” shall receive priority with respect to access to air assets when the Emergency Air Transportation Plan (EATP) is activated.

“Essential City Personnel” Authorized for EATP

	Essential Job Function	Essential City Personnel Assigned
1.	Chief of Police	Chief Michel R. Moore
2.	Chief of Staff	Deputy Chief Daniel L. Randolph
3.	Director, Office of Operations	Assistant Chief Beatrice M. Girmala
4.	Director, Office of Special Operations	Assistant Chief Horace E. Frank
5.	Director, Office of Support Services	Assistant Chief Dominic H. Choi
6.	Operations Section – EOC	Level I Activation Fire Lead: 1 + 5 staff (Subject to monthly EOC On-Call Roster) Police Lead: 1 + 6 staff
7.	Planning and Intelligence Section – EOC	Level I Activation Fire Lead: 1 (Subject to monthly EOC On-Call Roster) Police Lead: 1+ 5 staff
8.	Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau	Deputy Chief Peter A. Zarcone
9.	Emergency Services Division	Captain Kathryn Meek
10.	Air Support Division, EATP Coordinator	Captain Sean Parker
11.	Information Technology Group	Radio Technicians
12.	Department PIO	Public Information Director II Josh Rubenstein
13.	ITA – Senior Communications Engineer	Samar Das
14.	ITA – Communications Services Division-Public Safety Voice Radio, Microwave and Dispatch Engineering/Tech Support	Mehrdad Larijaniha
15.	ITA – Public Safety Voice Radio Engineering-Radio and Microwave Infrastructure Support	Nader Haghghat, Cristina Tolentino, Raoul Broussard, Samar Das
16.	ITA – Field Services-Public Safety Microwave and Base Maintenance Support	Rito Cisneros
17.	ITA – Public Safety Microwave Support	David Di Lullo
18.	ITA – Base Maintenance Support	Tony Christensen
19.	ITA – Mount Lee Monitor	TBD
20.	ITA – Shop Services – Avionics Support	Rito Cisneros
21.	Commanding Officer, OCB	Deputy Chief Alfred Labrada

22.	Commanding Officer, OSB	Deputy Chief Regina Scott
23.	Commanding Officer, OVB	Deputy Chief Alan Hamilton
24.	Commanding Officer, OWB	Deputy Chief Vito Palazzolo
25.	Commanding Officer, DB	Deputy Chief Kris Pitcher
26.	Commanding Officer, TSB	Deputy Chief Blake Chow
27.	Commanding Officer, PSB	Deputy Chief Robert Marino
28.	Commanding Officer, Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy	Police Administrator III Lizabeth Rhodes
29.	EOC Director (Police Lead) or EOC Deputy Director (Fire Leader) Primary A-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
30.	EOC Director (Police Lead) or EOC Deputy Director (Fire Lead) Relief A-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
31.	EOC Director (Police Lead) or EOC Deputy Director (Fire Lead) Relief B-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
32.	Director of Emergency Operations (DOC) Primary A-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
33.	Director of Emergency Operations (DOC) Relief A-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
34.	Director of Emergency Operations (DOC) Primary B-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
35.	Director of Emergency Operations (DOC) Relief B-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
36.	Deputy Director of Emergency Operations (DOC) Primary A-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
37.	Deputy Director of Emergency Operations (DOC) Relief A-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
38.	Deputy Director of Emergency Operations (DOC) Primary B-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
39.	Deputy Director of Emergency Operations (DOC) Relief B-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
40.	LAPD Agency Representative County EOC Primary A-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
41.	LAPD Agency Representative County EOC Relief A-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
42.	LAPD Agency Representative County EOC Primary B-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster
43.	LAPD Agency Representative County EOC Primary B-Watch	See current Assignments During Major Incidents Roster

NOTE: The *Assignments During Major Incidents Roster* is updated each deployment period and a copy maintained at the DOC as well as emailed out to listed personnel. Personnel assignments will change each deployment period and therefore the current list must be referenced during an incident requiring implementation of the Emergency Air Transportation Plan.

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