

AIR SUPPORT DIVISION

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TO All Air Support Division Personnel

FROM Commanding Officer, Air Support Division

SUBJECT LAPD AND LAFD AVIATION OPERATIONS COORDINATION

Recently, several incidents involving LAPD and LAFD aircraft operating in the same area have resulted in safety concerns being expressed by both agencies. Specifically, each agency has identified a need for improved intra-agency communications as it relates to mission specific operations.

Effectively immediately, LAPD Air Support Division personnel while operating over an unusual occurrence shall:

- Provide periodic position/status reports on the VHF, aviation frequency 123.025 in the Metropolitan area and 129.00 in the Harbor area.
- Anticipate that unusual occurrences will attract news media aircraft and remain prepared to safely coordinate operations.
- In the event of a fire or rescue operation, anticipate LAFD aviation may respond.
- Attempt to contact LAFD aviation resources on frequencies VHF 123.025 and/or 119.97 and maintain coordination.

Air Support Division personnel are reminded that LAFD aircraft are generally operated by one pilot while engaged in fire fighting missions. Often times LAFD aircraft are being directed by LAFD command and control personnel who are coordinating the air attack. Occasionally, LAPD aircraft may be required to operate near LAFD aircraft involving specific police missions. Under such conditions, it is imperative flight operations be coordinated between LAPD and LAFD aircraft. LAFD is the lead agency for fire and rescue related situations, LAPD for law enforcement operations. Coordination of communications may be made by contacting LAFD aviation resources on VHF frequency 119.97.



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