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AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS

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POLICY

1. The Chief Constable shall provide Procedures, pursuant to this Policy, to assist in responding to incidents involving the operation of aircraft.

REASON FOR POLICY

2. To provide guidelines for response to and investigation of aircraft incidents.

RELATED POLICIES

- IR21 – Crime Scene
- IR61 – Critical Incidents

PROCEDURES

Aircraft Incidents

3. Immediately upon receipt of information that an aircraft has crashed within the jurisdiction of Delta, dispatchers are responsible for notifying the following:
 - a) Patrol supervisor;



- b) British Columbia Ambulance Service (BCAS) and Delta Fire & Emergency Services (DF&ES);
 - c) hospital emergency departments for implementation of their Hospital Disaster Plan, if the crash involves the injury or death of numerous people;
 - d) Rescue Coordinator Centre – Victoria, if a military aircraft is involved or if their services may be required; and
 - e) Transportation Safety Board (by calling the Vancouver International Airport), to request notification of a Duty Accident Inspector.
4. The Patrol supervisor or delegate shall notify the Duty Officer and take overall command until relieved by the Duty Officer.
 5. Members attending an aircraft incident shall seek to remove all persons to a safe distance (suggested 200 meters) and ensure that no person smokes within the evacuation zone until the area is determined to be safe by DF&ES.
 6. The Transportation Safety Board is responsible for identifying the cause of the accident, but members are responsible for conducting a criminal investigation to determine if a criminal offence has occurred.
 7. All other procedures as outlined in the Provincial Disaster Manual shall be initiated.

Aircraft Registrations

8. All aircraft passing through the Vancouver control zone are entered in the Vancouver Air Traffic Movement System (VAMS), and Transport Canada shall assist Department members by entering stolen or suspicious aircraft in VAMS and advising when they encounter a 'hit.'
9. Members may obtain owner, aircraft type, model, and registration information by visiting Transport Canada's website at www.tc.gc.ca/eng/civilaviation/menu.htm and follow the link to 'Canadian Civil Aircraft Register.'

Operating Aircraft While Impaired by Alcohol or Drugs

10. When responding to incidents involving persons operating aircraft while impaired by alcohol or drugs, members shall consider charges for the



- offence of *Criminal Code* Operation While Impaired (s. 320.14) and investigate accordingly.
11. Offence provisions specific to crew members' alcohol or drug consumption are contained in section 602.03 of the *Canadian Aviation Regulations*, which states:
- "No person shall act as a crew member of an aircraft:*
- a) within 12 hours after the consumption of any alcoholic beverage;*
 - b) while under the influence of alcohol; or*
 - c) while using any drug that affects a person's faculties to an extent that the safety of the aircraft is endangered in any way.*
12. Members do not have authority to charge under the *Aeronautics Act* (unless authorized by the federal Minister of Transport), and instead shall report the results of their investigation to Transport Canada through the Delta Police Department's Information & Privacy Unit.

Boundary Bay Airport

13. When responding to aircraft related emergencies at Boundary Bay Airport, members shall:
- a) upon entering the airport property, switch to the designated Airport Channel to communicate directly with the Control Tower;
 - b) ensure access gates are open for DF&ES and BCAS; and
 - c) liaise with and follow the instructions of the Control Tower regarding vehicle access to the runways.

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