EvCC Emergency Operations Manual Guide #002 – Aircraft Incidents

1. INTRODUCTION

The potential for an aircraft crash on or near campus is significant for the main campus and several off campus sites.

2. AIRCRAFT SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Aircraft accident scenes should be considered a very high hazard. Do not approach a damaged aircraft. Consider the following hazards regarding the debris field and craft;

- There is often a widespread debris field that may contain highly toxic or explosive products
- Products on the craft may suddenly ignite or explode without warning signs
- There may be a significant biohazard exposure
- Military aircraft may contain weapons or ordinance that can spontaneously discharge
- ❖ Many types of crafts may have systems to eject the pilot or rescue equipment
- Ultra light aircraft may have a system for ejecting a parachute
- Main and auxiliary engines may still be running creating a hazard
- There is a high possibility of damage to utility power lines and natural gas distribution
- Never approach a helicopter while the blades are turning
- Never go around the rear of a helicopter that is running

3. GUIDELINES FOR AN AIRCRAFT CRASH

A. Crash into Campus Building (s)

- Immediately take cover under tables or desks and remain clear of all windows to protect from falling or flying debris until mass movement stops.
- Activate the nearest fire alarm pull station and evacuate the building quickly., following the established routes and procedures, if possible, Consider the potential fire and explosion to be increasing is fire or explosion did not occur on impact.
- Assemble at the predestinated assembly point, if it safe to do so, or proceed to an alternate assembly point as directed by the Building Captain or by other EvCC official by the safest route possible.
- Wait at the safe assembly point until otherwise directed by the Building Captain, an EvCC official or Public Safety Official.

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B. If you Become Trapped

- Alert emergency search and rescue crews or anyone within shouting distance of your location.
- If a telephone is available attempt to call Campus Security (extension 9998) or Emergency 911 and report your location.
- ❖ If a window is accessible, place an article of clothing or other signal in the window to alert rescuers to your location. Whistle, shout, use an object at hand to pound on a wall or door to make noise at regular interval to alert rescuers to your location.
- Stay low, near the floor. During a fire the air nearest the floor will contain the least smoke, contaminants and heat.
- If you are injured, tend to your wounds.
- The first priority during any emergency is life safety.

C. Crash Near Campus

- in the event of a major community emergency, the EvCC campus may be used as a staging area or command post by emergency responders
- ❖ Keep campus access roads open and remain clear of the command post and responders.
- Follow the building evacuation plans
- Wait at designated assembly points until receiving further instructions from an EvCC official or law enforcement officer or firefighter.