

ANNEX E - COMMON CARRIER ACCIDENTS

I. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. Common commercial carriers, defined as aircraft, trains, buses and trucks, transport people and goods above and through the Town of Thatcher via air, rail and roads.
2. Regardless of their nature or location, commercial carrier accidents can involve local, State and federal agencies. Due to this involvement and the immediacy of the control problem, it is imperative that Town officials be cognizant of their role as well as the responsibilities of other concerned agencies.

B. Assumptions

3. A common commercial carrier accident will occur in the Town of Thatcher. The carrier will be an aircraft, train, bus or other commercial vehicle.
4. There will be survivors requiring extrication, on-site treatment and emergency transportation.
5. Secondary effects of fire and disruption of gas, water, and electrical distribution in the immediate vicinity will occur.
6. Hazardous materials may be involved, particularly with trucks, and appropriate HAZMAT response measures will have to be taken.

II. MISSION

To assure an effective and rapid response to a common commercial carrier accident in order to minimize loss of life, expedite recovery efforts and to provide appropriate control and security measures to the site and to the residents.

III. EXECUTION

- A. Concept of Operations. See **Basic Plan** and **Annex A, Direction and Control**.
- B. For clarity, each type of commercial carrier accident is covered separately under the headings of Aircraft, Trains, Buses or Trucks. General guidance for all types of accidents is found in the following paragraph titled Emergency Response Forces.
- C. Emergency Response Forces

1. Police Department
 - a. Perform rapid survey of crash scene and damaged areas.
 - b. Report findings immediately to the Incident Commander (or EOC if activated) with recommendations regarding mobilization of additional forces.
 - c. Assist the Fire Departments in establishing an On-Scene Command Post.
 - d. Establish traffic and personnel access control procedures, establish a perimeter, and preserve the accident scene intact (to include all debris).
 - e. Recall off-duty personnel.
 - f. Ensure that emergency vehicles responding to the crash site have the best possible access routes which will enable them to reach and exit the scene without unnecessary delay.
 - g. Direct teams to make a detailed search of the area noting pieces of wreckage, luggage and other debris. In an aircraft disaster, bodies and parts of bodies will be covered and guarded until removal is authorized by the accident investigators.
 - h. Recommend evacuation of any residents, if required, and establish evacuation assembly areas until congregate care facilities can be arranged.
 2. Fire Departments
 - a. Establish an On-Scene Command Post in conjunction with the Police Department and assume primary responsibility for on-scene management of the accident site.
 - b. Request mutual aid assistance from other fire departments, as required.
 - c. Recommend evacuation from the disaster area when deemed advisable, in coordination with the Police Department.
 - d. Assign search and rescue teams to search for and remove survivors from the accident scene.
 - e. Establish and provide a transportation sector to supervise regular and improvised ambulances.
- D. Commercial carrier accidents are categorized below as aircraft, trains, buses or trucks. Additional response procedures used in dealing with each category are addressed.
1. Aircraft Accidents
 - a. Eastern Arizona air space is used by commercial, military and general aviation traffic.
 - b. The Fire Departments will establish an On-Scene Command Post in conjunction with the Police Department and assume the primary responsibility for on-site management of air crash incidents.

- c. If the crash site involves a military aircraft, the wreckage site may become, at the responding military authority's request, Federal property until the site is released by that authority. The military on-scene Commander will assume on-scene responsibility.
- d. Inter-Governmental Agreement will be implemented as soon as it is apparent that effective response to the disaster will be beyond the capability of the County resources and/or if the crash site is near or crosses jurisdictional boundaries.
- e. The Emergency Services Staff will perform the following:
 - 1. Notify Scottsdale Flight Standards District Office (480-640-2561) or backup Phoenix TRACON (602-379-4984) of the accident.
 - 2. If a large number of passengers is involved:
 - i. Request on-site triage and medical coordination support, if required.
 - ii. If helicopter support is needed, request support from the Department of Public Safety.
 - iii. Establish and provide a transportation sector to supervise regular and improvised ambulances.
 - iv. Notify the County Medical Examiner of fatalities.
 - v. Coordinate with the Medical Examiner to establish a temporary morgue site.
 - 3. As soon as possible, forward the following information to the Town of Thatcher EOC by a secure line:
 - i. The location of the accident.
 - ii. The number of injuries or deaths, if known.
 - iii. The type of aircraft (passenger, cargo, etc.).
 - iv. Whether the aircraft is military or civilian.
 - v. The best available access routes into and out of the area for emergency vehicles.
 - vi. Any additional assistance required (police, fire, medical, military, etc.).
 - 4. When the following information is available, forward to the Town of Thatcher EOC by a secure line:
 - i. The aircraft identification numbers.
 - ii. The owner(s) of the involved aircraft.
 - iii. The name and address of the pilot.
 - iv. A description of property damage.
 - v. The location of known survivors.
 - vi. A brief statement of circumstances surrounding the incident.
 - vii. Whether weapons were aboard if the aircraft was military.
 - viii. Whether US mail was aboard.

5. If a potential mass casualty situation exists, notify Mount Graham Regional Medical Center and put them on alert.
 6. Conditions in the affected area may necessitate the shutting down of certain utilities. Coordinate the priorities for shutdown and restoration with the utility companies involved.
2. Train Accidents
 - a. A railroad line traverses Town of Thatcher.
 - b. Train car initials (for example “UP”, “SP”, “ATF”. etc.) plus the car number can be used to identify different types of cargo. DOT tank car specification numbers consist of a class designation followed by identifying letters and numbers. The second number, where present, indicates tank test pressure in PSI.
 - c. Tasks
 1. The Fire Departments will establish an on-scene command post, if necessary, while the Police Department will provide security.
 2. The Emergency Services Staff will notify the Railroad of the accident. Also notify the Arizona Corporation Commission (602-542-7772) of rail accidents.
 3. Bus Accidents
 - a. Buses and coaches transiting the Town of Thatcher are subject to motor vehicle accidents. Response procedures to accidents involving large numbers of individuals are the same as regular road accidents, with the exception of increased logistics problems involved with greater numbers of victims.
 - b. DPS will be in charge of on-scene operations when the location of the accident is on a State or Federal highway.
 4. Truck Accidents
 - a. Commercial and private trucks transiting the Town of Thatcher are subject to vehicle accidents. Response procedures to accidents involving trucks are similar to other vehicular road accidents, with the exception of an increased potential for these vehicles to carry hazardous materials and the resulting increased possibility of hazmat spills. See **Annex F**.
 - b. DPS will be in charge of on-scene operations when the location of the accident is on a State or Federal highway.

IV. DIRECTION AND CONTROL. See Annex A. Direction and Control.

V. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Basic Plan and Annex A, Direction and Control.