

Subject:	AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING
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1.0 POLICY

- 1.1** Whenever fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft are being utilized on an incident, personnel trained in air operations management shall be assigned by the incident commander/operations section chief.
- 1.2** Prior to the initiation of air operations, all personnel operating in close proximity to an airdrop shall be notified of such activity.
- 1.3** Members shall not intentionally operate in an area where it can reasonably be expected that they may be hit with retardants or suppressants from fixed wing or rotary aircraft.
- 1.4** Radio communications shall be maintained between an aircraft/air attack officer and the appropriate ground officer.
- 1.5** Members assigned to ride in rotary wing aircraft shall be briefed in the correct approach, riding, off-loading and emergency procedures for the particular type of aircraft.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

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