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Mr. Paul Langlois
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Dear Mr. Langlois:

The California Highway Patrol would like to thank you and your company for your efforts with improving the safety of our helicopter programs. The attached memorandum of understanding has been signed in an effort to improve safety and ultimately, provide the people of the State of California with a higher level of service. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Sergeant David Magnino, at (916) 375-6900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. R. Dittimus".

K. R. DITTIMUS, Captain
Commander
Office of Air Operations

Attachment

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

California Highway Patrol

and

Reach Air Medical Services

This interagency Memorandum of Understanding, made and entered into by and between the Department of the California Highway Patrol, herein referred to as the CHP and Reach Air Medical Services, herein referred to as RAMS.

Witnesseth:

Whereas, the CHP owns and operated aircraft and employs pilots and flight officers in support of their public safety responsibilities; and,

Whereas, RAMS owns and operates aircraft and employs flight crews in support of their medical transport responsibilities; and,

Whereas, either agency may require assistance to aid in medevacs or medical emergencies; and,

Whereas, the effective and safe utilization of said aircraft and flight crews is in the best interest of the public; and,

Whereas, missions may require simultaneous flight operations with emergency medical service providers.

Now, THEREFORE, in consideration of the aforementioned premises, the parties hereto agree to only participate in joint airborne aircraft operations when the following conditions exist:

1. Safety of flight is not compromised.
2. Two way radio communications and coordination is established and maintained when responding to, or operating in/near an operational area where other CHP or RAMS aircraft is/are operating.
3. Primary two way communications frequency shall be on 123.025 MHz.

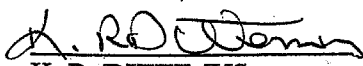
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4. A secondary radio frequency, referred to as CalCord, should be utilized in situations where contact via 123.025 MHz is unsuccessful.
5. A mutually agreed upon alternate or additional radio frequency may be utilized during operations, should the need arise.
6. Aircraft shall be separated by a minimum of 500 feet altitude, and when practical, shall orbit in the same direction and be offset 180 degrees in that pattern.

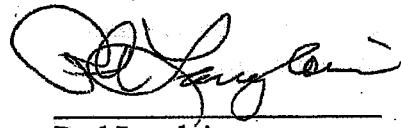
It is Mutually Agreed That:

1. Both parties may update this Memorandum whenever necessary.
2. Flight crews and/or others involved in these types of operations shall be informed of the contents of this Memorandum and shall review it annually.
3. This Memorandum shall become effective on the date of the last approval signature and may be terminated by either party upon thirty days of written notification to the other party.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum as of the last date written below.


K. R. DITTIMUS
Commander
Office of Air Operations
California Highway Patrol

4/30/09
Date


Paul Langlois
Director of Aviation
Reach Air Medical Services

16 JAN 2009
Date