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From: Commanding General
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Subj: COMBAT CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIREFIGHTING
MUTUAL SUPPORT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Ref: (a) MCO 11000.11A
(b) MCTP 3-20B Aviation Ground Support
(c) CCO 3700.1L
(d) NAVAIR 00-80R-14, Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Manual

Encl: (1) CCFD and AGS/ARFF Standard Operating Procedures

1. Situation. The Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Combat Center Fire Department (CCFD), and Aviation Ground Support (AGS) Detachment Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) element must collaborate and coordinate to ensure an effective installation emergency response that supports the operation of the Strategic Expeditionary Landing Field (SELF). We must also ensure that coordinated training supports the execution of that response.

2. Mission. Establish Mutual Response and Training Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) between CCFD and ARFF to enhance emergency response/services, fire protection and training standards in support of SELF operations and emergency response aboard MAGTFTC, MCAGCC in accordance with references (a), (b), and (c).

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The intent is to provide MAGTFTC, MCAGCC increased fire suppression capabilities to prevent and protect personnel, injury, and illness due to fires and other emergencies as a result of installation/expeditionary activities, aircraft operations, disasters or terrorist incidents. To increase fire suppression and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) capabilities, CCFD and ARFF will coordinate and integrate training and response exercises. The end state is an enhanced emergency response capability which protects life and property at the SELF and aboard MAGTFTC, MCAGCC.

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(2) Concept of Operations. The mutual response and cross training opportunities will be utilized to the maximum extent possible as manpower and scope of work limitations permit. Operational requirements will be provided by ARFF and CCFD to meet the mission.

(a) Aircraft incidents aboard the SELF and within the perimeter will be primarily handled by ARFF with automatic mutual support provided by CCFD.

(b) Structural and EMS incidents aboard MAGTFTC, MCAGCC and within the SELF perimeter will be primarily handled by CCFD with mutual support from ARFF upon request from CCFD.

(c) Upon notification/request from ARFF, CCFD will provide initial emergency response coverage within the airfield self-perimeter as an in-extremis response, defensive in nature, and within current capability. As CCFD has not been sourced with appropriate ARFF equipment and certification, the response is not to be interpreted as coverage of Category II airfield requirements outlined in reference (d).

(d) Cross Training opportunities shall be communicated, coordinated, and scheduled in the form of an Annual Training Plan for the next fiscal year as well as signed off by the CCFD Fire Chief and ARFF Fire Chief. This will de-conflict most of the manpower and operational commitments as these training requirements for CCFD must be met to fulfill the ARFF mission.

(e) Detailed coordination procedures between the AGS Detachment, ARFF element and the CCFD are outlined in enclosure (1).

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) CCFD. Support ARFF as requested and required per enclosure (1).

(2) ARFF. Support CCFD as requested and required per enclosure (1).

c. Coordinating Instructions. The points of contact for this SOP are Chief Warrant Officer 2 Casey A. Smith at (760) 830-8770 or casey.a.smith@usmc.mil and Fire Chief Marc Ryan at (760) 830-5239 or marcelino.ryan@usmc.mil.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. Administration

(1) Directives issued by this Headquarters are published and distributed electronically. Electronic versions of Combat Center bulletins may be found at <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/G-1-Manpower-Directorate/Adjutant/#combat-center-bulletins>.

(2) Changes to this Bulletin and enclosure (1) should be requested in writing to the Commanding General, via the MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Mission Assurance Director.

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b. Logistics. The logistics requirements will be identified and agreed upon by both the CCFD and ARFF Fire Chiefs. The fulfillment of these requirements will be primarily completed by the ARFF Fire Chief.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Bulletin is applicable to CCFD civilian and active duty ARFF personnel aboard MCAGCC.

b. Signal. This Bulletin is effective the date signed.


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		<h1>CCFD and AGS/ARFF SOP</h1>	
SOP Title AGS/ARFF and CCFD Support		Approved by: Fire Chief Marc Ryan and Major B. D. Super	
SOP Number 2023-01 Agreement	Draft Date: 11/03/2022	Revision Date: 03/05/2026	Effective Date: 03/05/2026

PURPOSE

The purpose of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to outline operational, training, and administrative needs between CCFD (Combat Center Fire Department) and the ARFF (Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting) element AGS (Aviation Ground Support) Detachment located at the Camp Wilson Strategic Expeditionary Landing Field (SELF).

SCOPE

This SOP is to be followed by all personnel. Authority to deviate from this policy/procedure rests with the Fire Chief or their designee, and the Officer in Charge or their designee for the AGS Detachment. Any request for deviation from the SOP requires notification, in writing to both parties. Upon mutual approval the decision will be communicated in writing to all affected parties. Currently, CCFD has not been sourced with the requisite apparatus (mobile water supply vehicle capable of carrying a minimum of 3,000 gallons of water and a fire pump flow capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute (GPM) or more) to meet the NATOPS stipulation for ARFF response requirements. As such, it is understood any CCFD support to airfield incidents would be in-extremis, defensive in nature, and within current capability. Additionally, the SOP will provide a framework for the parties and their expected roles and responsibilities.

NOTIFICATIONS

- A. ARFF element will provide a Duty Officer contact number to CCFD/Emergency Dispatch for use in the event of a need to notify the ARFF of a working incident on the airfield, or any other cause for notification.
- B. When the ARFF secure from the SELF for the day, a notification will be made to CCFD/Emergency Dispatch as well as Bearmat that CCFD is the primary response agency for any aircraft incident on the airfield or surrounding area.
- C. CCFD/Emergency Dispatch will ensure that they have the current Duty Officer contact number for the ARFF Duty Officer.
- D. ARFF dispatch shall notify CCFD/Emergency Dispatch of all emergencies aboard the SELF.
- E. In the event of an aircraft conducting an unplanned remain overnight (RON) at the airfield, ARFF will provide the aircrew and/or the squadron's designated representative remaining with the aircraft the emergency contact information to CCFD/Emergency Dispatch and to Range Control (Bearmat).
- F. In the event an emergency takes place after normal working hours, Bearmat or the squadron representative will notify CCFD/Emergency Dispatch of the event, and CCFD will initiate the response to the airfield. At the time of dispatch, CCFD/Emergency Dispatch will initiate the ARFF recall procedure by contacting the Duty Officer and advising them of the nature and extent of the emergency. The ARFF Duty Officer will bear the responsibility to continue the recall/notification process of ARFF and the further notification of the AGS Detachment.

OPERATIONS

- A. ARFF, responsible for all flight operations located on the airfield, will formally staff the airfield at any time that there are declared and expected flight operations. CCFD will assist with any requests for aid from ARFF personnel in the event that an emergency takes place. CCFD will maintain responsibility for EMS and structural response to the facilities on the airfield and will request assistance from ARFF in the event that aid is needed.
- B. ARFF will, when possible, assist CCFD off airfield in the event of a major emergency, with the understanding that in the event that this request is made and supported that it will most likely cause the airfield to be secured from all training operations.
- C. In the event that ARFF is securing from normal operations and the airfield has been placed in a closed status, CCFD will be the primary response agency in the event of an undeclared aircraft emergency or event, and notification to all involved agencies will be made per the notification section in this SOP.
- D. In the event of an undeclared emergency/landing, Bearmat will notify CCFD/Emergency Dispatch for response.
- E. Upon notification by Bearmat, CCFD/Emergency Dispatch will initiate a response to the airfield using the proper response matrix. Based on the current equipment licensing and availability limitations, it is expressly understood that the response would not be IAW NATOPS Category II Airfield standards, and that the CCFD response to an airfield incident would be in-extremis, defensive in nature, and within current capability.
- F. CCFD/Emergency Dispatch then will contact the ARFF Duty Officer using the established procedures.
- G. CCFD will remain on scene until relieved or released by ARFF/AGS personnel. At no time will the scene be left unsecured by CCFD personnel.

TRAINING

- A. When possible, ARFF shall provide/assist with any ARFF related training/certifications. This is to include training in aircraft specific and airfield/aviation specific response requirements. Familiarization with ARFF capabilities and ARFF specific equipment will also be included.
- B. When possible, CCFD shall provide/assist with any structural, EMS, rescue, and other requests for training.
- C. CCFD will assist and provide live fire structural training as long as burn conditions are favorable and within noted burn times of the year. In addition, any request for live fire burns must be made a minimum of 10 days in advance of the scheduled burn date to allow for burn permit stipulations to be met.
- D. EVOC training maybe a shared assignment for CCFD and ARFF instructors to assist in maintaining certification as well as ensuring that all personnel are maintain EVOC qualifications.

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