

O-4110
DEMONSTRATE THE ABILITY TO MANAGE TACTICAL OPERATIONS

CONDITIONS

You are a new/old member on a mission, and are assigned the position of Operations Section Chief.

OBJECTIVES

1. Demonstrate the ability to manage the deployment of air and ground resources in prosecution of the assigned tasks.

TRAINING AND EVALUATION

Training Outline

1. The primary job of the Operations Section Chief is to manage the tactical operations for the mission. This is accomplished through the supervision of the Air Branch Director and the Ground Branch Director. The OSC receives the tasks from the Plans Section such as route and grid searches, photo missions, disaster response sorties or ground team requirements. It is the job of the operations section to assign these tasks to the available resources. Since the operations section manages the field activities, it is here that decisions most critical to the mission safety are made.

a. Safety/Operational Risk Management. Safety of the operations is a critical concern. Operational Risk Management must be applied to all aspects of the mission. Crew/team rest must be observed and fatigue monitored.

b. Proper utilization of resources. Aircraft/vehicles and crews/teams need to be selected for sorties with respect to capability versus difficulty of the assignment.

c. Requesting resources. Available resources need to be evaluated against planned needs and additional resources requested through the Planning Section,

2. The Operations Section Chief manages the mission through the operations staff. Operations staff meetings need to be held and an open flow of information is needed from the staff. Hold at least one staff meeting during each operational period and more as required. Pass all pertinent information from IC or Planning meetings to your staff.

3. Ensure that all required documentation is being collected by the operations staff.

Additional Information

More detailed information on this topic is available in the CAP Mission Staff Reference Manual.

Evaluation Preparation

Setup: This task is best evaluated during a full scale training exercise.

Brief Student: As the examiner, you will be looking for management of the staff, utilization of resources, and overall safety of the mission.

Evaluation

<u>Performance measures</u>	<u>Results</u>	
1. Are resources being matched to the mission tasks?	P	F
2. Are sorties being tracked?	P	F
3. Are sorties being properly documented?	P	F
4. Is safety and operational risk management being observed?	P	F

Student must receive a pass on all performance measures to qualify in this task. If the individual fails any measure, show what was done wrong and how to do it correctly.