

Texas Wing Distributed CD Exercise #1
Baytown, Texas
13-15 March 2009
Operations Plan

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1. GENERAL

A. Type of exercise

Funded Counterdrug Training Exercise:

Will utilize CAP aircraft at their respective assigned locations and allow efficient use of CAP assets and U.S. Air Force funds.

B. Exercise mission base

Baytown, Texas

C. Primary dates & times

0800 Hours-1700 Hours 13-15 March 2009

Only necessary vehicle relocation will be utilized on 13 March 2009.

D. Alternate dates

24-26 April 2009

E. USAF funding

1. Mission sorties (fuel, oil), vehicle (fuel, oil) and communications costs. Est. \$4,000.00.
2. Financial expenditures will be tightly controlled throughout the exercise to avoid exceeding the approved exercise funded limit.
3. An expenditure subtotal will be calculated after each mission sortie. This will be subtracted from the mission sortie budget to give an accurate estimate of remaining funds.
4. In the event that mission sortie expenditures appear likely to exceed the allowable limit, mission sorties will be suspended until and unless express approval is received from the USAF to continue.

F. Mission Symbol

A4

G. Air Force Mission Number

TBD

H. OES Training Number

N/A

I. Staging Area Manager/Project Officer

LT COL DON FISHER
281-383-1443 HOME/FAX
1-866-867-6821 (toll free) E-FAX
281-615-5057 CELL
JeanFisher@msn.com

J. Host unit

TX268 Baytown Senior Squadron

K. Initial reporting times

- CD members must inform their respective CD Group Coordinators/Assistants to CDO of their interest and availability in order to participate in the CDEX within ten days of exercise.
- CD Group Coordinators/Assistants to CDO are listed on the CD page of the Texas Wing web site. Go to Operations > CD/HLS.
- The CD Group Coordinators/Assistants to CDO shall forward the data of the CD participants of their group to Lt. Col. Jean Fisher seven days prior to the exercise date for CD, Safety Participation, and Mission Pilot validation process of WMU and IMU.

L. Initial reporting information

Each aircraft location will have a Staging Area Manager (SAM), same as for the TXWG Distributed SAREX's. The SAM and/or the Group CD Coordinator/Assistant to CDO will forward their SAM data to the Project Officer Lt. Col. Don Fisher, no later than 10 March 2009. IMU will be used for sign in to validate credentials.

Each staging area will submit:

- 1) TXWG Form 8 (ORM) from the SAM to the CMD/IC mission base.

Mission Base will submit:

- 2) TXWG Form 8 (ORM) from the CMD/IC to the TXWG/CC.

2. NOTIFICATION AND APPLICATION

A. Notification of exercise

Notification of this exercise will be by the listing on the TXWG Calendar and by CD Group Coordinators/Assistants to CDO notification of CD members.

B. Qualification requirements

Participants must be fully CD qualified and are expected to verify their CD status 30 days prior to the CD training exercise and remain qualified throughout the exercise. CMD/IC will appoint certain mission staff personnel to verify participants' certification through e-services/Operations qualifications and WMU. **Each participant will be included in a participation letter certifying safety currency and the safety briefing participants will be entered into the WMU safety brief module.**

C. Exercise capacity

Minimums: None

Maximums:

Participants: 95

Aircraft: 19 on Sat. / Est. 6 on Sunday, subject to demand and funding.

Staff: 9 to 10

Cadets: 0

D. Exercise enrollment procedures

Submit completed Staging Area Information Sheet to:

LT COL JEAN M. FISHER

281-383-1443 HOME/FAX

1-866-867-6821 (toll free) E-FAX

281-615-4394 CELL

JeanFisher@msn.com

E. Equipment

Digital cameras should be procured prior to the exercise. Group CD Coordinators/Assistants to CDO must have knowledge of the group's camera location, and insure their usage in the DCDEX.

F. Exercise fees

None

3. EXERCISE DESCRIPTION

The exercise will provide necessary DEA marijuana spotting technics, HLS Air Intercept Procedures including Military Intercept Procedures and digital camera training for CD Flight Crews. Emphasis will also be placed on proper procedures, documentation, reporting, and error management for the TXWG CD Program. As always, emphasis will be made for training new qualified CD members.

4. TRAINING OBJECTIVES

A. Primary training objectives

Train CD Flight Crews in:

- Spotting procedures for marijuana and other illegal substances
- HLS (Home Land Security) Air Intercept Procedures
- DR photography
- Airport Recon
- Proper and competent use of digital cameras
- Military Interception Procedures (AIM 5-6-2, 5-6-4)
- Error-free paperwork

B. Additional training objectives

Train Group CD Coordinators/ Assistants to CDO in:

- CD Coordinator/ Assistant to CDO Responsibilities
- Staging Area Manager Responsibilities (SAM)
- Reporting Requirements
- Briefing Procedures

5. TRAINING SYLLABUS

Information will be provided at the exercise.

6. FLIGHT OPERATIONS

A. Aviation resource requirements

All TXWG Corporate aircraft are encouraged to attend. Because of the time sensitive nature of this activity, aircraft scheduling must be completed using the CAPERS system well in advance to give this activity priority. If the need occurs, member owned aircraft will be permitted to attend with prior approval from the Liaison Region Commander. This request should be made through the CDO NLT 7 March 2009.

B. Inbound sorties

Inbound sorties which are necessary for the success of the mission must be released by an appointed FRO at mission base.

C. Mission sorties

1. Sorties

The sorties to be flown will all be CD, DR and HLS related. Details will be provided.

2. Crew composition

Aircrews will be a mixture of fully trained and low experience CD members to provide maximum training efficiency. All PIC's will be fully qualified CD mission pilots.

3. Routes/grids to be utilized

Assigned areas will be nonstandard, chosen by the mission staff for special training purposes.

4. Anticipated average sortie length

Each sortie is expected to take approximately 2.0 hours. Two sorties per day could be completed for each aircraft location on Saturday. Exercise participation on Sunday will be subject to demand and funding.

5. Alternate airfields

Alternate airfields will be included in the planning.

6. Flightline operations

Flight line operations will be IAW 60-1 spec (2.1) (2-19).

D. Outbound sorties

Outbound sorties which are necessary for the success of the mission must be released by an appointed FRO at mission base.

E. Flight scheduling

The aircraft PIC will be given sortie assignments on Friday afternoon. The Air Sortie Tracking Sheet, provided by the Staging Area Manager will be used for this DCDEX. When submitting the forms for reimbursement, transfer the data from the Air Sortie Tracking Sheet to the Form 84. The Form 84 will then be submitted as the final report with the Form 108 and the Fuel Usage Form. A copy of this Operation Plan will be at each staging area for this exercise and is the responsibility of the SAM of that location.

F. Flight briefings

Each aircrew will receive an individual briefing and approval from the mission base staff FRO starting at 1400 hours Friday afternoon. On Saturday A.M. the briefer will be contacted by the PIC by telephone for the final release of the sortie by the mission staff FRO. Mission base will release all sorties on AFAMs.

G. Flight management procedures

A flight plan must be filed and opened with the FAA prior to each sortie. The 50nm exception does not apply to CD flights. It is highly recommended that refueling is completed following each sortie.

H. Flight debriefings

The PIC of each returning sortie will contact the DCDEX mission base and debrief the sortie using the "Air Sortie Tracking Sheet." The information will include the actual departure time, landing time, Hobbs time, fuel gallons and cost of fuel/oil in dollars.

I. Mission intelligence

Mission intelligence needs will be determined and the data will be analyzed by the Planning Section

J. Flight operations safety considerations

Safety will be the Number One priority of this exercise. All aircraft PICs will complete aircraft inspection form (CAPF71), within three days of the DCDEX and forward to the Project Officer before any aircraft is authorized to participate in this exercise.

7. GROUND OPERATIONS

A. Ground operations resource requirements

No ground operations will be part of this exercise.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Requirements

Radio communications will be coordinated under the Logistics Section and will be maintained by qualified radio operators using the home unit communications equipment. Reports will be made IAW a regular D-SAREX including takeoff, Ingrid, out of grid, ops normal and landing report on each sortie from the staging area.

B. Procedures

Details to be provided.

C. Equipment requirements

Aircraft must have functioning FAA standard radios. Aircraft without CAP VHF FM equipment will not be used for sorties.

9. CADET PARTICIPATION

Cadets are not authorized to participate in this exercise.

10. SAFETY

Safety violations will not be tolerated. Strict compliance with CAP Regulations must be observed. Safety currency must be verified on the participation letter.

11. STAFF REQUIREMENTS

A. Duties of exercise staff

Staff positions will be assigned prior to the exercise.

Staff positions shall include: CMD/IC, Operations Section Chief, Planning Section Chief, Briefer/De-briefer, Logistics Section Chief, and Finance Section Chief. Lt. Col. Orville Jolly and Lt. Col. Don Fisher will serve as CMD/IC and assistant CMD for this exercise.

12. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Mission Staff: CAP distinctive uniform / recommend gray pants and white shirt per CAPM 39-1.

Aircrews (meeting weight and grooming standards): Air Force Style Flight Suits recommended. CAP distinctive flight wear is acceptable. Weather should be considered when choosing the flight uniform.

Members not meeting weight or grooming standards: Any Non-Air Force Style, CAP distinctive uniform. If in doubt, refer to Civil Air Patrol Uniform Manual, CAPM 39-1. Civilian clothing is not approved.

The maroon CD polo shirt is NOT an approved uniform and therefore may not be worn when flying in CAP aircraft, or during any phase of this DCDEX.

13. ADMINISTRATION

A. Sign-in location and procedures

Sign-in of members on CAPF 103, aircraft and other vehicles on CAPF 121 will be required each day of the exercise. This will be accomplished as the participants arrive at the airport being utilized for the exercise.

B. Credential verification procedures

Each sub-location/staging area must have a designated CD member appointed to verify following credentials of each other member during sign-in:

- Valid CAP Membership Card
- Current CAPF101 Card with CD verification
- Pilots must have proof of a current Pilot's License, FAA Medical, FAA Flight Review, Form 5 and Form 91
- **Participation Letter from unit commander certifying safety currency**

C. Resource listing

Each unit will forward a copy of the sign-in sheets (Form 103 and Form 121) and the **participation letters** to the CMD via e-fax 1-866-867-6821, or e-mail at jeanfisher@msn.com before the first sortie on Saturday and Sunday.

D. Forms/documents

The Air Sortie Tracking Sheets are the responsibility of the PIC for each sortie. The final Air Sortie Tracking Sheet, Form 84, weight and balance calculation, ORM sheet and Fuel Usage Form must be submitted for each sortie when completed, by fax to mission base. Sortie information is required to be in WMIRS by Sunday, 15 March and this requirement will be adhered to. Standard procedures for these documents as well as any required CAPFs 108 will be submitted by e-mail or fax within three (3) days for reimbursement to Lt. Col. Jean Fisher, 5100 Kendall Rd., Baytown, TX 77520. Do not submit to Texas Wing Headquarters for reimbursement, as they must be approved by the TXWG/CDO before reaching TXWG/HQ.

Participants will be notified during the de-briefing period if there is a change of the name and address of the final report submittal.

E. Enrollment & other fees

No fees.

14. FACILITIES

A. Aircraft parking

Local

15. LOGISTICS

Aircrew responsibility

16. MILITARY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

None

17. OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

None

18. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

N/A

19. CONTINGENCIES

A. Disaster or REDCAP

The exercise may be suspended or terminated, and CAP resources reassigned, only by the direction of the CMD, WG/CC, or LO; otherwise, exercises are expected to continue as planned.

B. Adverse weather

In the event of adverse weather, flying activity in an assigned area will be suspended at the discretion of the PIC, CMD, WG/CC, or LO.

During the exercise, unit and staff Operations will monitor general weather conditions. VMC weather is required for this exercise.

NOTE: Weather forecasts will be monitored closely as the exercise approaches to allow a cancellation decision if adverse weather is expected throughout the entire wing. If the exercise is postponed, the LO, WG/CC, CMD designees and all Group CD Coordinators/Assistants to CDO will be notified immediately.

C. Mishap

In the event of a reportable mishap, the CMD will ensure all reporting actions are taken in accordance with CAPF62-1 and CAPF62-2, including briefing all participants to refrain from speculating to the media regarding the mishap. The CMD will determine if the impact of the mishap justifies the discontinuation of the CDEX.