

# Northampton County Emergency Operations Plan

## **4.5 Aircraft Accident**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Aircraft Accident-Specific Annex is to establish how response and recovery activities related to aircraft accidents will be coordinated in Northampton County.

### **Scope**

This annex identifies the key policies, concepts of operations, roles and responsibilities, and capabilities associated with aircraft accidents in Northampton County. Specific operating procedures and protocols are addressed in documents maintained by the participating organizations.

Potential operations include the following:

- Coordinating with regional response partners
- Securing and maintaining a perimeter around the accident scene
- Preventing secondary effects that may result from an accident
- Communicating emergency information to the public
- Assisting with recovery operations, as indicated

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Aircraft Accident	Roles/Tasks
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop plans/procedures with regional response partners.</li> <li>• Conduct training and education for first responders/EOC staff regarding aircraft accidents.</li> <li>• Participate in training programs related to aircraft accidents, as available.</li> </ul>
Response – Initial Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an initial triage of the situation and relay information to regional and state response partners.</li> <li>• Establish and maintain a perimeter around the accident site.</li> <li>• Establish and maintain a communication link with regional and state response partners.</li> <li>• Relay important safety and hazardous materials information to responders in the field.</li> </ul>
Response - Continuing Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with medical response partners to provide ongoing triage/treatment/transport of victims.</li> <li>• Coordinate with the Medical Examiner to recover and identify remains.</li> <li>• Coordinate with the senior investigator from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to provide assistance, as needed, for the investigation.</li> <li>• Coordinate with appropriate hazardous materials units and request additional resources, as needed.</li> <li>• Release pertinent information to the public through the County PIO function, as appropriate.</li> <li>• Relay important information to state and federal authorities, as indicated.</li> <li>• Provide site security in coordination with state and federal entities.</li> <li>• If needed, open a shelter for uninjured survivors.</li> <li>• Coordinate with regional EMS partners to provide more resources.</li> </ul>
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist with family reunification, as needed.</li> <li>• Provide critical incident stress debriefing services to first responders, as indicated.</li> <li>• Assist with recovery operations, as needed.</li> </ul>