

Augusta County Emergency Services Officers Association

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Fire-EMS Standard Operating Guideline

Section:	9 Airport Response Plans
Title:	Aircraft Incidents Off Airport Property
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AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS OFF AIRPORT PROPERTY

Augusta County is very vulnerable for aircraft problems due to (1) the proximity of the Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport and (2) being in the glide path for the Washington airports.

1. Response to aircraft problems reported by the airport and in the vicinity of the airport will be dispatched and coordinated per the airport Emergency Response plan.
2. Response to aircraft problems or down aircraft away from the airport will be per the structural response for the reported area according to size of plane.
3. If the Class of the aircraft is unknown, the response will be dispatched as an Alert 3 and potential number of passengers.

CLASS A (Alpha) AIRCRAFT (1 TO 4 PASSENGERS)

FIRE - Respond as a double local
RESCUE - First due

CLASS B (Bravo) AIRCRAFT (5 to 12 PASSENGERS)

FIRE - (First Alarm Assignment) (Exclude Aerials)
RESCUE - First and second due

CLASS C (Charlie) AIRCRAFT (13 TO 30+ PASSENGERS)

FIRE - First Alarm Assignment (exclude Aerials)
RESCUE - First and second due. Additional equipment as determined by the OIC

Special Notes:

If known, advise fire and rescue if 4-wheel drive units are needed due to weather conditions and/or terrain.

Down aircraft in a residential or business area may require additional equipment response than in a rural or secluded area.

Notification Procedures:

1. Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport
2. Waynesboro Airport
3. Virginia State Police
4. Augusta County Sheriff's Department
5. Augusta County Fire-Rescue Chief
6. Augusta County Emergency Services Coordinator

Duties of First Arriving Fire or EMS Officer:

1. Survey the incident, reporting to EOC
2. Establish incident command, using responding personnel for sectors
3. Maintain scene safety
4. Establish medical triage and treatment areas
5. Protect or secure the surrounding scene
6. Establish staging areas
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Rehab
 - c. Fire resources
 - d. Medical resources
 - e. Medical transportation

7. When possible, establish a command post or area for coordinating with agency personnel.

1. First Due Agency Fire Chief and/or Rescue Captain
2. Airport Chief or Public Safety Coordinator
3. Virginia State Police
4. Sheriff's Department
5. FAA
6. Augusta County Fire-Rescue Chief
 - a. Emergency Services Coordinator