



Overview – starting a DART at your airport

Mission Statement:

In response to a cataclysmic event which paralyzes regional surface transportation, you, your pilot friends, their planes, and mutual aid providers can provide volunteer emergency airlift services to benefit the people of your surrounding communities and region.

Concept of Operations:

After a disaster occurs, query your emergency management partners and community leaders to see if they expect people to need emergency airlift service during this incident. If needed, mobilize your team to provide the following kinds of volunteer, free-of-charge service in accordance with FAR Part 91 regulations:

- a) transfer of displaced individuals and families to distant locations where they have family or friends who can care for them,
- b) large scale food airlift into the area if food distribution has broken down
- c) movement of emergency workers into or out of the area,
- d) reservoir reconnaissance,
- e) movement of ambulatory medical patients to out of area facilities,
- f) relocation of nursing home residents to out of area facilities who can care for them,

Should service needs outstrip your local capacity, call in mutual aid from pilots throughout the region.

See www.calpilots.org and click on the DART menu item on the right side of the page.

For assistance, email Paul Marshall at paul.marshall@calpilots.org

Starting Your Disaster Airlift Response Team (DART)

Many materials are available on the CalPilots DART page that you are free to use to help you get started if you agree to attempt to help other DARTs near you in an emergency. There is a Disaster Airlift Response Plan that can be copied in order to make your plan. You can click on a link to the Lifeline video which documents the Loma Prieta earthquake and the success of the Watsonville Airlift which delivered 500,000 pounds of food to the people of the Watsonville, Santa Cruz and surrounding communities. You can read a summary and see pictures of the SCAPA DART's April 25th, 2015 mobilization. A two page summary goes over the specific steps to starting your DART in a little more detail than his handout.

The most important thing is for you or someone you know to take ownership of getting your local DART going, and make it happen. Now is the time!