



## 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.caldart.org](http://www.caldart.org) for a deep dive on what we do, to join, or to donate. For assistance, email Paul Marshall at [paul.marshall@caldart.org](mailto:paul.marshall@caldart.org)

### Starting Your Disaster Airlift Response Team (DART)

Many materials are available from CalDART 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 and associated forms you can use to guide and document your work.

**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!**