



## Invitation to Participate in Disaster Air Transportation Exercise September 24<sup>th</sup>

SCAPA DART (South County Airport Pilots Association Disaster Airlift Response Team) invites select organizations active in disaster to participate in its volunteer air transportation exercise September 24<sup>th</sup>. The exercise is inspired by the Loma Prieta Lifeline Airlift in 1989 (see [6 minute video](#)) as well as the Great Shake Out. SCAPA DART is a member of CalDART, the California DART Network (see [caldart.org](http://caldart.org)). During the past two years, members of SCAPA DART organized and mobilized to fly various COVID missions and the Oregon Firefighter Airlift (see [2 minute video](#)). This year SCAPA DART returns to an annual exercise. This exercise

- builds SCAPA DART's transportation arrangement skills,
- gives aviators another way to enjoy aviation while giving back to the community, and
- enables the community and its organizations to better utilize their airport during a disaster.

The exercise scenario is an 8.9 magnitude earthquake centered on the San Andreas fault near San Carlos, causing collapsed housing, electricity and water outages, and region-wide impairment of surface transportation. South Santa Clara County is one small location in this major regional disaster and is not receiving much county, state, and federal assistance. SCAPA DART has activated itself and is offering free disaster air transportation to its partners to assist their response. SCAPA DART expects that the community will have many kinds of urgent transportation needs to support the response such as:

- Assistance with local disaster worker commutes within Santa Clara County and neighboring communities
- Delivery of food and water from distant sources to San Martin airport to feed San Martin, Gilroy, and Morgan Hill
- Transportation of disaster service workers from distant locales to assist undermanned local agencies
- Aerial surveillance of the disaster zone including dams, bridges, buildings and roadways
- Evacuation of people made homeless by collapsed housing who cannot be locally sheltered
- Evacuation of fragile people who cannot survive without clean water, electricity, and/or care services
- Evacuation of seniors whose housing operators can no longer serve their needs
- Backup medical transportation to overwhelmed Emergency Medical Services transportation

During the exercise, SCAPA DART will use San Martin as its base of operations, and it expects to fly to numerous northern California airports including Hollister, San Jose Reid Hillview, Palo Alto, and Watsonville. Organizations who receive this invitation from SCAPA DART are asked to think about what their transportation needs might be in this disaster scenario, and send an email describing those needs to [SCAPADARTCustSvc@caldart.org](mailto:SCAPADARTCustSvc@caldart.org). Additionally, if one or more members of your organization would

like to fly with SCAPA DART September 24<sup>th</sup> between 10:00AM in the morning and 2:00pm in the afternoon, include in your email the names, email addresses, and cell phone numbers of the person or people who want to fly and whether they have a specific requested flight operation. Passengers without a specific request will fly one of the various standard simulated profiles such as a family evacuation to a distant airport and then an importation of disaster workers from that distant airport – the passengers would simulate the evacuating family on the flight out and the disaster workers on the flight back. SCAPA DART Customer Service will respond to your email with further information and send you a waiver for each passenger to sign if we have adequate numbers of pilots to fly them. We are hoping to be able to fly 1 to 3 people from each of the invited organizations. The available pilots will be allocated to the transportation requests as they come in, and we will triage the requests if needed, giving priority to south county organizations and emergency services, but also attempting to serve all invitees. We will be matching pilots to passengers continuously in the weeks leading up to the exercise, so that if passengers are cleared to go to the airport, they know they will have a scheduled pilot and plane to fly them. There will also be some room for people who merely wish to be observers of the exercise, so if your organization would just like to observe, please request that in your email with email address and cell phone of the requested observers.

People from invited organizations are also welcome to attend an exercise briefing in a Zoom meeting (details pasted below) September 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, where

- the exercise will be discussed,
- an overview will be provided on utilizing general aviation in disaster response,
- the wide variety of US public-benefit charitable flying organizations is discussed,
- The California DART Network will be described in further detail, and
- questions will be answered.

Thank you,  
Paul Marshall  
Chair, SCAPA DART Steering Committee

Topic: SCAPA DART Exercise Briefing for Invited Organizations Active in Disaster  
Time: Sep 1, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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