



Incident Commander

- Approve night flying operations within jurisdictional authority.

Information Officer

- Obtain information on the night flying operation such as number and type of aircraft, areas of operation, and mission objectives.
- Disseminate information as required.

Safety Officer

- Ensure that the night flying operation is justified in risk versus gain and will be essential in the accomplishment of the incident objectives.
- Address safety concerns of participating agencies.

Liaison Officer

- Coordinate with Command and General Staff personnel on procedural and operational issues of the night flying operation.
- Resolve inter-agency policy issues that arise from night flying operations by consultation with agency representatives.

Agency Representative

- Advise Liaison Officer of agreement with, or objection to, a night flying operation.
- Coordinate night flying issues with home agency personnel and the Incident Command Staff.

Operations Section Chief

- Approve night flying operations in conjunction with the Incident Commander.
- Advise Branches and Divisions of night flying missions.
- Ensure that Division/Branch Checklist/Worksheets are completed.
- Confirm that policy and procedural issues between agencies have been resolved by consultation with the Liaison Officer and the Air Operations Branch Director.
- Ensure that the night flying missions are justified and essential to accomplishing the incident objectives.



Air Operation Branch Director

- Advise the Operations Section Chief if night flying operations are available.
- Perform risk assessment and risk management as the situation dictates.
- Confirm that compatible night flying policy and procedures are being applied by the agency_ (ies) that intend to fly at night. This may include Go/No-Go checklists and/or clearly defined areas of operation.
- Coordinate and resolve inter-agency policy/procedural issues with the incident staff prior to commencing night flying operations.
- Ensure the quality completion of the Water Point Checklist/Worksheet.

Air Support Group Supervisor

- Develop a shift plan for the aircraft and helitack crews.
- Ensure that the aircraft have 24 hour logistical support.

Air Tactical Group Supervisor/Helicopter Coordinator

- Ensure that positive air traffic control can be maintained.
- Monitor air to ground and air to air for proper radio discipline.
- Keep ground unit expectations in touch with reality. Do not let high expectations pressure the pilots.
- If the night flying missions are not effective, coordinate with the Air Operations Branch Director/Operations Section Chief to change the mission operational area or terminate the night flying operation.

Helibase Manager/Helispot Manager

- Complete Go/No-Go checklist if required by agency policy.
- Ensure that the Takeoff and Landing Controller (TOLC) has communications with the assigned aircraft and is equipped with NVG.
- Provide for extra security at the Helibase/Helispot. This should include vehicle traffic, civilians and assigned personnel travel routes.
- Provide for Helibase/Helispot light controls. This includes landing pad marking and flashlight, headlamp, and headlight control measures.
(Reference NFG Informational Appendix 1 Spectral Sensitivity item A Headlights/Flashlights)
- Conduct all operations at a slower more methodical pace. Be observant for signs of fatigue in personnel throughout the night time operational period.