

704.00 AIRCRAFT CRASHES

- Refer to General Order 701.00 for emergency mobilization if required.
- In the event of a crash involving an aircraft, departmental employees are responsible for the following:
 - Render humane assistance to casualties.
 - Notification of the nearest office of the National Transportation Safety Board by the Watch Commander.
 - Cordon an area 2,000 feet from the crash scene.
 - Protect the area from looting.
 - Notify the Fire Department to respond.
 - Under the direction of NTSB and FAA investigators, remove the bodies from the wreckage, establishing a temporary morgue if necessary, with the cooperation of the Coroner.
 - A complete pathological and toxicological study is required whenever pilot injuries are fatal and should be arranged by the Coroner.
 - The successful conclusion of an accident investigation is often dependent on the prompt notification of any aircraft accident which will permit an inspector to arrive at the scene as soon as possible.
 - If the aircraft is a civil craft or it cannot be readily ascertained whether the craft is civil or military, the supervisor will contact the nearest FAA facility, which may be an airport control tower, flight service station, or the flight standards district office.
 - If the aircraft involved is military and the branch of service operating the aircraft can be readily ascertained, the supervisor will contact the command post of the nearest unit of that branch of service to begin arrangements for establishing security of the wreckage and cooperative efforts between that service branch and the department.
 - Press releases will be conducted in compliance with General Orders.