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This document is intended as a tool to provide guidance in conducting a comprehensive briefing for fire-line personnel assigned to branches and divisions where helicopter operations will be conducted at night. Each of the items on this checklist must be determined, addressed and/or established in coordination with the Air Operations Branch Director prior to commencing interagency night time air operations. Branch Directors and Division Supervisors shall ensure that all affected fire-line personnel receive a "Night Air Operations Briefing" in order to ensure that personnel from every agency involved understand the details of the process and controls being used during that operational period.

Date:

Incident Name:

Operational Period Start: End:

Aircraft Assignment

- Determine the number, types and call signs of helicopters assigned to night operations.

- Identify the Divisions where helicopters will be assigned.

- Establish the time aircraft will become available and time when night air operations will end.

Aircraft Tactical Objectives

- Determine the type of missions to be flown during the night time operational period.



- Determine the suppression tactic(s) that will be used by helicopters during night time operational period

Communication

- Determine appropriate frequency for Air-to-Ground communication.

- Determine who may communicate directly with the helicopters, HLCO or ATGS.

Crew Member Accountability

- Establish a method for identifying all personnel in the area of night time air operations.

- Address the appropriate use of strobe lights as a means to identify a particular crew or individual.



Target Description

- Address the use of GPS coordinates for target description.

- Identify obvious landmarks that can be used as reference points for target description.

- Address the use of strobe lights as a means for target description.

- Address the use of, or restriction of the use of laser pointing devices.

Drop Zone Safety Precautions

- Establish a method for verifying that the drop zone is clear of personnel before each drop.



Aircraft Reassignment

- Establish a method and level of authority for reassigning aircraft during the night time operational period.

- Establish a Rescue / Med-Evac Response Plan for the night time operational period.