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STATION ORDER 3750.1

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: BIRD/ANIMAL AIRCRAFT STRIKE (BASH) REDUCTION PLAN

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 3750.6Q

Encl: (1) Bird/Animal Strike Report

1. Situation. The hazard posed by birds and animals to flight operations is an ever-present problem. Total elimination of the hazard is impossible, but an active program can mitigate the risk.
2. Mission. To reduce the bird/animal strike hazard to aircraft aboard MCAS Yuma by creating an integrated hazard abatement program.
3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

(a) The program is designed to minimize aircraft exposure to potentially hazardous strikes at and around the Air Station.

(b) This instruction is designed to reduce the bird/animal strike potential through awareness, avoidance, monitoring, and actively controlling bird and animal populations and movements.

(2) Concept of Operations. The following terminology will be used to disseminate bird activity information and implement dispersal procedures:

(a) Code Red. Heavy concentration of birds on or directly above runways, in the immediate vicinity of a low-level route or training area, or other locations that presents an immediate hazard to safe operations. Aircrew should thoroughly evaluate mission need before operating in areas under Code Red.

(b) Code Yellow. Concentrations of birds represent a probable hazard to safe flying operations. This condition requires increased vigilance by all agencies and caution by aircrew.

(c) Code Green. Bird activity is normal with a low probability of hazard.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) The Airfield Operations Officer shall:

(a) Monitor the airfield for bird activity and direct bird abatement actions.

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(b) Inform the Natural Resources office of any changes to low-level routes or training areas.

(c) Direct Crash Fire Rescue to conduct and maintain records of daily airfield surveys to include bird activity, standing water, and protection areas.

(2) The Air Traffic Control Facility Officer shall:

(a) Issue bird hazard warnings via ATIS, NOTAMS, etc. whenever bird activities are observed or reported within the Delegated Approach Control Airspace.

(b) Utilize the BASH Condition Codes to report significant bird activity or hazards. Promptly report sightings and possible hazardous conditions to the Aviation Safety Officer (x5611) and Range Director (x3318).

(c) Initiate bird avoidance procedures when potentially hazardous bird activities are reported.

(d) Identify radar targets as possible bird activity and provide warnings to pilots when appropriate.

(3) The Range Director shall:

(a) Maintain required permits for dispersal and depredation programs.

(b) Ensure properly trained personnel are available to conduct bird dispersal activities when required.

(c) Maintain records of dispersal efforts and methods.

(d) Maintain necessary non-lethal equipment and devices required for bird abatement and dispersal.

(e) Advise the Airfield Operations Officer on procedures to abate bird/animal hazards.

(4) The Natural Resources Specialist shall:

(a) Provide bird activity analysis to the Aviation Safety Officer and Airfield Operations Officer.

(b) Review all locally generated BASH Reports and attempt to identify all bird remains.

(c) Review low-level routes, training areas, and changes to existing routes/areas for BASH potential.

(d) Liaison with USFWS, Audubon Society, and other agencies to provide additional information on migratory, local, and seasonal bird activities.

(e) Assist the Aviation Safety Officer with the information and education program.

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(5) Aviation Safety Officer shall:

(a) Periodically brief aircrew on bird strike hazards and prevention, emphasizing the importance of promptly reporting all significant activity that poses a bird strike hazard.

(b) Deliver any bird remains and forward a copy of Animal/Bird Strike Report to the Natural Resources office following every bird strike.

(c) Submit BASH Reports following all incidents.

(d) Maintain a database of all animal/bird strikes and activity that poses a threat to aircraft operations.

(6) The Facilities Management Division shall: Investigate, evaluate, and incorporate bird exclusionary devices in hangars and other structures.

(7) The Bird/Animal Hazard Working Group shall: Meet semiannually to assess the status of the BASH Reduction Program and shall consist of:

(a) Commanding Officer (chairperson)

(b) Airfield Operations Officer

(c) Air Traffic Control Facility Officer

(d) Range Director

(e) Aviation Safety Officer

(f) Natural Resources Specialist

(8) The Provost Marshal shall:

(a) Periodically conduct surveys of perimeter fence integrity and report discrepancies to facilities management.

(b) Coordinate with the Range Director to conduct animal depredation as required.

c. Coordinating Instructions. Submit all recommendations concerning this Order to the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, via the appropriate chain of command.

4. Administration and Logistics. The Bird/Animal Hazard Working Group shall review this instruction annually, making changes as necessary.

5. Command and Signal

a. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.

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b. Command. This Order is applicable to all Station, Tenant, and Transient Organizations.



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**BIRD/ANIMAL STRIKE REPORT**

In the event of a reported animal/bird strike obtain the following information. Strikes should be expeditiously reported but not at the expense of safety of flight.

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- a. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Incident (local): \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Aircraft Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Callsign: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bureau Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Geographic location of strike, be as exact as possible:  
(Where on airfield, lat/long or DME/radial from NAVAID)
- d. Phase of flight: \_\_\_\_\_takeoff\_\_\_\_\_landing\_\_\_\_\_level  
\_\_\_\_\_climbing\_\_\_\_\_descending\_\_\_\_\_taxiing\_\_\_\_\_stationary  
Altitude/Airspeed at time of strike: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Lights being used: \_\_\_\_\_none \_\_\_\_\_landing \_\_\_\_\_strobe  
\_\_\_\_\_both \_\_\_\_\_n/a
- f. Type of strike: \_\_\_\_\_bird \_\_\_\_\_deer \_\_\_\_\_other :
- If known, what type of bird (gull, blackbird, vulture, etc):
- g. Number seen at strike: \_\_\_\_\_few \_\_\_\_\_many \_\_\_\_\_exact #
- h. Who removed the remains: \_\_\_\_\_None found \_\_\_\_\_Natural Res.  
\_\_\_\_\_Crash/Fire \_\_\_\_\_Other:
- i. If known, point of impact and the extent of damage to the aircraft?
- j. Weather/visibility at time of strike: \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Point of contact: name \_\_\_\_\_ extension \_\_\_\_\_
1. Forward the above information to Base Operations and the ASO. If the strike occurs after working hours and results in an aircraft mishap or heavy aircraft damage, call the ASO at home (name, phone #, and beeper # are on the Flight Support Recall Roster).
  2. All animal/bird remains are to be delivered to the \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Resource Office.