



## Emergency Reference Guide

### AIRCRAFT CRASH

The airspace over CSU Long Beach is routinely filled with air traffic. The campus is in the direct flight path of approach and departure routes from the Long Beach Airport which provides services to a wide variety of civilian and military aircraft. There are several densely occupied buildings along the flight path including:

- Sciences
- The University Student Union
- Brotman Hall
- Physical Education
- The Horn Center
- The Pyramid
- Performing Arts Center / Music

There are also extensive open spaces along this path as well including:

- The Athletic Fields
- Parking Lot 13
- Parking Lot 14

In addition major air routes for national and international flights cross over or near the CSU Long Beach campus. There are five major airports that serve the Los Angeles/Orange County Area.

- Los Angeles International Airport – The 4th busiest airport in the world.
- Long Beach Airport – The 15th busiest airport in the nation
- John Wayne Airport – The 19th busiest airport in the nation
- Ontario Airport – Ranked in the top 100 busiest airports in the nation.
- Burbank Airport – Ranked in the top 100 busiest airports in the nation.

In the event of an aircraft crash on or near the University the following actions should be taken:

#### **Campus Community**

- Explosion and fire as well as falling debris pose a serious risk to individuals on the ground. All members of the campus community are encouraged to move away from the crash site and seek shelter in a safe location. If it is not possible to move immediately away then to protect yourself against blast damage **drop, cover and hold**.
- If you witness an air craft crash contact the University Police at 9-1-1.



- If you are inside, and the building is not damaged, remain inside. Stay away from windows. Faculty should try to keep their classes together as a unit. If an evacuation is ordered follow the instructions of the Building Marshal or University Police.
- Those members of the campus community who are trained in first aid are encouraged to provide care for the injured. **PROVIDED IT IS SAFE TO BE IN THE AREA.**
- Untrained individuals should NOT enter the crash site. A well-intentioned but untrained and ill-equipped person who enters the crash site risks serious injury or far worse. If you are aware of places where people may be trapped inform the nearest emergency responder as fast as possible so that trained and properly equipped personnel can affect a rescue effort.

### **University Administration / University Police**

- Due to the nature of the incident the University Police will manage the response effort in accordance with the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and the Incident Command System (ICS).
- Priority in response will be given to rescuing injured and/or trapped individuals, triaging and treating injured persons, and securing property against further loss.
- Incident Command for any on-campus air crash will be coordinated through the University Police until relieved of that responsibility by the Long Beach Fire Department, the National Transportation Safety Board, the Department of Defense, or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- Upon relief the University Police Incident Commander will act as the University Police's liaison to the Incident Command Staff. In this capacity they will ensure that any and all assistance the University can provide is made available to the response effort.
- Based on the response needs the Incident Commander will request the University Police Chief, or his/her designee, to institute a mutual aid request to any necessary response organization needed to assist in the response effort. This may include, but is not limited to:

The City of Long Beach  
The County of Los Angeles  
State and Federal Agencies  
The CSU Critical Response Unit  
Other CSU campuses  
Volunteer Agencies which specialize in disaster response

- Due to the nature of the incident the area around the crash site will be closed to entry as a crime scene. No unauthorized personnel will be allowed access to the area until the investigatory agency responsible for the crash has determined it clear to be opened.



- The University Police Watch Commander/Incident Commander will ensure that the department fully cooperates with any initial investigation into the crash. This includes, but is not limited to, providing any known video tape of the incident, any witness information discovered, and any reports filed regarding the incident.

### **Return to Normal Operations**

If the incident has resulted in the evacuation of part or all of a campus building(s) then those areas will remain closed until the University determines:

- The area is safe to occupy
- All immediate police and rescue activity has been completed.
- Any and all investigations has been completed.
- There is no longer a need to keep the area closed.

NOTE: Due to the complexities involved in the preservation, collection, and investigation of evidence some areas may remain closed longer than others.