

## **AIRCRAFT SAFETY, MAINTENANCE and STORAGE**

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Any accidents or incidents involving FEPP aircraft that result in serious or substantial damage must be reported on an AD-112 (see section 2746) within 10 days. It is advisable to contact the Sacramento FEPP Manager with the information, then follow up with the AD-112 and the incident report. The Sacramento FEPP office will notify the Regional Manager and the Washington office.

FEPP aircraft are maintained using the original military standards. CAL FIRE uses a combination of military and commercial FAA safety standards, in order to maintain the most stringent standards. CAL FIRE must maintain appropriate records on time/life parts.

All operational aircraft should fly at least two hours each month to maintain aircraft readiness, or substitute accepted manufacturers' procedures for storage during off-season readiness. The National Transportation Safety Board definitions apply to federally owned state operated aircraft as described in the Forest Service Manual 5700. The CAL FIRE FEPP Aviation Operation Plan describes the maintenance and safety procedures that are followed.

All aircraft, including aircraft acquired for parts, must be protected from theft, weather, vandalism or other damage.

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