

Air Support

411.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The use of air support can be invaluable in certain situations. This policy specifies situations where the use of air support may be requested and the responsibilities for making a request.

411.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office to prioritize requests for air support to enhance law enforcement objectives and provide additional safety to deputies and the community.

411.3 REQUESTS FOR AIR SUPPORT

A Division Director or shift supervisor in charge of an incident should determine that the use of air support would be beneficial and request to obtain the appropriate air support from available sources, i.e. federal, state, ;local or military agencies.

411.3.1 CIRCUMSTANCES FOR REQUESTS

Law enforcement air support may be requested under conditions that include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Whenever the safety of deputies or the community is in jeopardy and the presence of air support may reduce such hazard.
- (b) When the use of air support will aid in the capture of a suspected fleeing felon whose continued freedom represents an ongoing threat to deputies or the community.
- (c) When air support is needed to locate a person who is lost and whose continued absence constitutes a serious health or safety hazard.
- (d) Pre-planned events or actions that require air support.
- (e) When the Division Captain or shift supervisor authority determines a reasonable need exists.
- (f) Natural disaster.