

Leadplane Training Lesson Plan

Logistics

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Objective:

To familiarize the student with logistics associated with the leadplane mission (Phase 1).

To develop the student's proficiency with logistics associated with the leadplane mission (Phase 2).

Content:

Transportation

This includes rental cars, tanker base government rigs and FBO curtesy cars. Rental cars can cause additional logistics when there is not time to return the car prior to being dispatched to a fire. This can include rental cars not being full of fuel, location of the keys (do not put them in a pocket) and collecting a receipt.

Lodging

It is a judgement call as to when a hotel room reservation should be made. Considerations should include the probability of being dispatched late in the day, availability of rooms due to local events, hotel cancelation policy, etc.

Start Times

It is important to check with the tanker base or dispatch as to the requested start time for the next day. Consider duty day and rest limitations and the travel time to and from the airport and hotel.

Dispatch

Some GACC's like the leadplane pilot to communicate directly with the GACC aircraft dispatcher and some like the leadplane pilot to communicate directly with the local dispatch. Contact dispatch to determine who the best contact will be.

Leadplane Coordinator

It is important to keep in contact with the leadplane coordinator at NICC. The primary form of communication is through the leadplane daily status web site. Keep the coordinator informed of upcoming days off, training needs, aircraft maintenance, and any other requests.

Aircraft Maintenance

It is important to notify the local GACC or local dispatch and the leadplane coordinator of any upcoming aircraft maintenance. This will allow dispatch to plan for additional leadplane coverage.

It is also important to notify local GACC or local/dispatch and the leadplane coordinator of unscheduled maintenance and unavailability

Days Off

Days off are reported through the leadplane daily status web site but it is also important to communicate upcoming days off to the local unit. This will include travel days as well as days off.

Flight Hour Limitations

Flight times that could possibly exceed 6 and 36 are reported through the leadplane daily status web site but should also be communicated to the local unit.

Duty Day Hour Limitations

Operations or dispatches that may affect duty day hours and could possibly exceed 14 hours must be communicated to dispatch. Coordinate with dispatch to find options that do not exceed the 14 hour duty day.

Completion Standards:

The lesson is complete when the student can demonstrate logistics associated with the leadplane mission. Logistical matters will be accomplished without the reliance on the evaluator.