Curriculum Management Issue Paper #155

CREATE NEW FIXED WING PARKING TENDER COURSE

Background

The Aviation Management Committee (AMC) previously supported developing an Interagency Aviation Training (IAT) course to improve Fixed Wing Parking Tender (FWPT) performance. However, AMC determined that the current course provides only marginal improvement over existing hand-signal reference materials. It lacks the hands-on instruction necessary to develop operational proficiency.

Current FWPT training does not adequately develop the practical skills necessary to safely direct aircraft ground movements that contributes to preventable aircraft damage, safety risks, and significant agency costs.

Discussion

AMC recommends developing an instructor-led course that emphasizes practical application and demonstrated competency. Training will focus on aircraft marshalling, hand signals, ground movement safety, hazard recognition, and communications. Structured exercises and performance-based assessments would provide students opportunities to practice and demonstrate essential skills.

This approach is expected to improve training consistency, accelerate competency development, and reduce preventable aircraft damage and associated agency costs.

Recommended Action

Create a new insturctor-led course with number S-174 and title Fixed Wing Parking Tender. Incorporate hands-on practical training and performance-based assessments to improve operational competency and reduce aircraft damage associated with ground movement operations.

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