BANKSTOWN AIRPORT INCIDENTS **HELI.OPS.21**

Purpose

Describe the process by which Ambulance medical teams would respond to an incident or emergency at Bankstown Airport.

The Sydney Ambulance Rescue Helicopter Base is a split facility, situated on the grounds of Bankstown Airport. Bankstown Airport is the busiest regional airport in Australia.

Medical and paramedical staff are present 24 hours a day/7 days a week, unless tasked on a mission by the Aeromedical Operations Centre.

Procedure

Background

The Bankstown Airport Emergency Plan (AEP) details the arrangements for control and co-ordination of the response to and the initial recovery from emergencies involving aircraft and/or airport facilities at Bankstown Airport.

The Bankstown AEP is only applicable to the area defined as Bankstown Airport. This is located in Georges Hall in the area generally bounded by Milperra Road, Henry Lawson Drive and Marion Street (UBD Maps 250, 251, 270, 271). In general, it does not apply to any area not enclosed by the airport perimeter fence.

The Bankstown AEP is a sub plan to Bankstown Local Disaster Plan (Displan) which covers the entire Bankstown Local Government Area.

Command and Control

In the event of an emergency, or an event that may develop into an emergency or major incident, Bankstown Airport management will notify relevant emergency services, establish site control and subsequently pass command and control to the first emergency service to arrive on scene.

Police will assume overall control of the incident on their arrival. As per the ASNSW SOP 2013_010-Command and Control Policy and DISPLAN, Medical staff will be under the direction of the most senior paramedic on site.

If the emergency, or event, is likely to develop into a major incident which will require a protracted response; it is the responsibility of Police to alert the Local Emergency Operations Controller (LEOCON).

The LEOCON is responsible for control and coordination of the overall response and initial recovery operations. The LEOCON will establish an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) off site if required.

The site control/forward command post will be identified by a flashing blue beacon.

Notification

1. An Ambulance medical team will be notified of the need to respond by telephone from the Rapid Launch Trauma Coordinator (RLTC), or an Aeromedical Operations Officer (AMOO).
2. In the event that a duty road retrieval medical team is not on base, the next available helicopter medical team will respond.
3. Transport to the site will be by the most appropriate, readily available retrieval ambulance vehicle. In the event that a retrieval vehicle is not available, transport will be by the next available marked ambulance on base. In this event the responding crew will require medical packs from their designated aircraft.
4. The most senior doctor available will report to the Ambulance Commander on site as Medical Commander of the incident. A Medical Commander Pack is located in the SRC office.
5. The doctor may be required to stand down as the Medical Commander if that role is redesignated by the State Health Services Functional Area Coordinator (HSFAC).

Response

6. The responding medical crew will assemble at the airport assembly area designated for emergency service vehicles located at the southern end of Airport Ave in the vicinity of Gate 1 (UBD Map 270 P1 see below).

Patient Treatment and Transport

7. The site of the Casualty Clearing Station (CCS) will be determined by the Ambulance and Medical Commanders.
8. The CCS will be identified by a vehicle with a 'red over green' revolving light.
9. The Ambulance Commander will be in command of the CCS. Agencies working at the CCS will be stood down as required by the Ambulance Commander.
10. In the event that a patient requires medical escort for transfer to a Trauma Centre, the decision to release the Aeromedical Medical crew will be made by the Medical and Ambulance Commanders.
11. If the decision is made to transport a patient by rotary wing, the clinical crew will contact the Aeromedical Operations Centre to determine the most efficient means of achieving this.

For Review

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Stinson Cres
Bankstown Aerodrome
Comper St
CHC Flightline
Airport Ave
Gipsy St
Airport Ave
Emergency Vehicle Assembly Area