

# NOTICE

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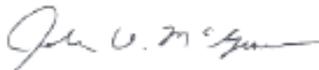
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## **SUBJ:** Laser Incident Enforcement Investigations

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice announces that the FAA can conduct investigations of laser events directed at aircraft using current FAA guidance and procedures.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) and certificate management office (CMO) personnel involved in enforcement investigations. The secondary audience is Flight Standards branches and divisions in the regions and in HQ.
- 3. Where You Can Find This Notice.** You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee Web site at [https://employees.faa.gov/tools\\_resources/orders\\_notices](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices). Inspectors can access this notice through FSIMS at <http://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Operators and the public can find this notice on the FAA's Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>.
- 4. Background.** The Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations (AGC-200) has issued a legal interpretation determining that shining a laser at an aircraft could constitute interference with a crewmember in violation of 14 CFR §§ 91.11, 121.580, 125.328, and 135.120.
- 5. Procedures.** FAA investigative personnel will follow the current editions of FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 14 and FAA Order 2150.3, FAA Compliance and Enforcement Program, Chapter 4 guidance; coordinate with the FAA Regional Office (RO); and proceed normally as with any report of interference with a flightcrew. If a FSDO or CMO receives a laser incident report that is occurring or has just occurred, it will immediately contact a local, State, or Federal Law Enforcement Agency (LEA). FSDOs and CMOs should seek guidance from the FAA ROs and assist LEAs by providing relevant information in FAA reports. Inspectors are not to conduct searches for persons suspected of shining the laser. If the person shining the laser has not been identified, the FSDO or CMO should request assistance from the appropriate LEA. If a person is identified, then an Enforcement Investigation Report (EIR) will be completed. Criminal investigation procedures are located in FAA Order 2150.3, Chapter 4, Section 18. If the person shining the laser cannot be identified, then no action is required by the FAA.
- 6. Disposition.** Direct questions or comments about lasers to the FAA HQ point of contact (POC) at AFS-400 at 202-385-4586. Direct investigation questions to AFS-200 at 202-267-8166.

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