

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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April 20, 2020

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July 16, 2020

SUBJ: Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice amends FAA Order JO 7210.3BB, Facility Operation and Administration, paragraph 2-7-7, Cooperation with Law Enforcement Operations, by updating and reformatting information, and relocating it to become new paragraph 2-1-37 in the order. The new paragraph addresses content pertaining to stolen aircraft or the use of aircraft for illegal purposes.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations Services, Safety and Technical Training, and all associated air traffic facilities.

3. Where Can I Find This Notice? This notice is available on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications website at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.

4. Explanation of Change. This change deletes paragraph 2-7-7, then updates, reformats, and relocates the language from paragraph 2-7-7 to new paragraph 2-1-37. A language change of note deletes references to EPIC and directs that information concerning suspicious aircraft activities be reported to the DEN.

5. Procedures/Action. Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3BB by changing the following paragraphs to read as follows:

2-7-7. COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Delete title through NOTE

2-7-8 through 2-7-9

Re-numbered 2-7-7 through 2-7-8

No further changes to paragraph

2-1-37. COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

a. FAA personnel must cooperate in every reasonable way with law enforcement agencies. Theft of aircraft and use of aircraft for illegal purposes have complicated the task of Federal law enforcement agencies. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Department of Homeland

Security (DHS) have requested the FAA to assist them by furnishing information of suspicious activities regarding use of aircraft. ATC facilities must report information pertaining to stolen aircraft for illegal purposes on the Domestic Events Network (DEN) as described in subparagraph c.

b. The Blue Lightning Initiative, led by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Transportation, trains airline personnel to identify potential traffickers and human trafficking victims, and to report their suspicions to federal law enforcement. Reports of suspected human traffic must be reported on the DEN as described in subparagraph c.

c. Report on the DEN directly if the ATC facility is actively monitoring the DEN or has a dedicated line to the DEN. Otherwise the ATC facility must immediately report the above referenced activities on the DEN via (844) 432-2962 (toll free). Additionally, if this phone number is out of service, alternate back-up bridge phone numbers should be used to contact the DEN: (405) 225-2444 or (844) 663-9723 (toll free).

No further changes to paragraph.

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations Services, and Safety and Technical Training; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

7. Background. Law enforcement and security agencies access information via the Domestic Events Network (DEN) making the DEN the appropriate notification point for any reports of stolen aircraft or illegal use of aircraft.

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