

ORDER

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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SOUTHWEST REGION

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SUBJ: AUTOMATED FLIGHT SERVICE STATION 1-800 WX-BRIEF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

1. PURPOSE. This order establishes regional guidelines for the operation of the FAA 1-800 WX-BRIEF System.

2. DISTRIBUTION. This order is distributed to the Air Traffic Division branch level in the regional office, all automated flight service stations in the Southwest Region, ATO-100, and to the National Association of Air Traffic Specialist (NAATS) Regional Representative.

3. BACKGROUND. The FAA 800 WX-BRIEF System was developed to maintain and ensure continued user accessibility to the flight service pilot weather briefing system. Advances in telecommunications technology and system demand generated a need to establish regional guidelines tasking individual facilities to develop a formal program to meet these special needs.

4. RELATED PUBLICATIONS. Order 7210.53, Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS) 1-800 WX-BRIEF Traffic Management Program (TMP).

5. PROCEDURES.

a. **Letters of agreement** between facilities, to be developed by the air traffic managers and the NAATS Facility Representatives (FACREP's) shall address: Q-calls to be used; interphone capabilities; frequencies available; alternative phone lines to be utilized; and other pertinent information. Letters of Continuity of Service can be utilized to meet this requirement.

b. **Facilities desiring to off-load traffic shall:**

(1) Coordinate with adjacent facilities prior to contacting the routing control station.

(2) Make every attempt to off-load to adjacent facilities.

c. **NAATS Coordination.** Coordination with the local NAATS FACREP is not required under emergency conditions. Emergency conditions are the following:

Loss of Model 1 Full Capacity
Loss of ICSS/ACD
Catastrophic loss of staffing
Loss of FTS 2000

Under other than emergency conditions, every reasonable effort will be made to coordinate with the local NAATS FACREP prior to implementing the off-load procedures.

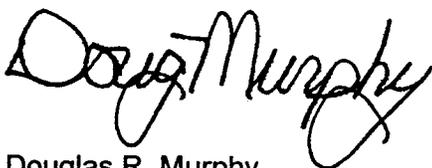
d. Facilities receiving traffic shall:

(1) Make every effort to accept traffic from other facilities in compliance with this order and contingency Letters of Agreement.

(2) Ensure that all operational employees are advised that they will be receiving traffic from outside of the flight plan area, the period of the anticipated outage, and other pertinent information.

(3) If the traffic load becomes too heavy, off-load some of their own flight plan area traffic to adjacent facilities.

e. At the request of either management or NAATS, the Operations Branch, ASW-530, shall conduct a review of the off-loading occurrence as soon as practical after each event. The review panel will include the air traffic managers and FACREPs of the facilities involved.



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