

Visual observer

The visual observer is stationed next to the pilot who is responsible for flying the helicopter under manual control (when necessary). The observer will stand within 1 m of the pilot, and will maintain 2-way radio communication with the ground control station (GCS) operator. The observer will also monitor CTAF 122.7 on a handheld VHF radio for traffic activity from the New River Valley / Dublin Airport (KPSK). The observer and pilot will both possess 3rd class airman medical certificates. The observer's main role is to watch for air traffic that may be close to the helicopter operations area, and provide verbal commands to the pilot and GCS operator in the event that a collision hazard exists. Since all flights of the RMAX are occurring below 200' AGL, it is unlikely that air traffic will be sharing the same airspace. The observer will maintain visual line-of-sight contact with the RMAX at all times.

