

# STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**Watsonville Fly-In & Air Show, Inc.**

and

**The members of the**

**Fly-in Safety Communications Unit**

February 04, 2010

## **PURPOSE:**

This Statement of Understanding (SOU) affirms and restates the terms of a 16-year ongoing working relationship between the Watsonville Fly-In & Air Show, Inc. (*hereinafter referred to as the Fly-in*) and the members of the Fly-in Safety Communications Unit (*hereinafter referred to as the Safety Comm Unit*) in preparing for and responding to the on-field safety communications needs of the Watsonville Fly-in and Air Show. This agreement provides the general framework for cooperation between the two organizations in rendering assistance and service to the annual event and its patrons, as well as other services for which cooperation might be mutually beneficial. This document does not create, nor should it be interpreted as creating any contractual or other enforceable legal relationship between the two parties.

This Statement of Understanding supersedes any previous agreement made between the Safety Communications Unit and the Watsonville Fly-in & Air Show, Inc. and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either party. Termination of this Statement of Understanding shall be by either party giving written notice of its intention to terminate, or by failure of either party to fulfill any one of the sections below, either before or during the event.

## **SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS UNIT AGREES TO PROVIDE:**

1. A volunteer staff of emergency communications trained personnel and equipment in accordance with a pre-determined event operations plan, based on the National Incident Management System (*NIMS*) and the Incident Command System (*ICS*.)
2. The establishment, maintenance and operation of a portable field emergency communications command post for event communications and point-to-point contact between Air Show personnel, Fire, Medical, Law Enforcement and various other personnel at the Air Show venue as required.
3. Coordination and administration of guest side / area first response medical personnel for the duration of the Air Show event or until relieved by Santa Cruz County Emergency Medical Services personnel responding to a major incident on the field.
4. Management, distribution control and technical support for Air Show organization radio communications equipment.

**WATSONVILLE FLY-IN AND AIR SHOW, INC. AGGREGES TO PROVIDE:**

1. The airport parking lot (*located between the EAA hanger and storage building*) for a secure command post compound, to be used by the Safety Communications Unit and the security provider of choice for the immediate event for secure storage and distribution of personal and Air Show organization equipment.
2. Fencing to secure the command post compound area from public street access, to secure Air Show organization equipment and property, Security company equipment and property and Safety Communications Unit personal property from public access and possible theft.
3. Un blocked access between the field and the Security Compound via the EAA Hanger field gate during the entire event (*see caveats below.*)
4. Command Post priority access to a personal relief station (*outhouse*) within or immediately outside the command post compound, for use by command post and Network Control, as well as security personnel.

**CESSATION OF OPERATIONS CAVEATS:**

If at any time during the course of Air Show event operations, the Safety Communications Unit is denied access to the field via the compound gate (*located adjacent to the EAA hanger west side*) because the gate is blocked (i.e., **locked out**) by any means other than the standard airport combination, the Safety Communications Unit reserves the right to terminate all Safety Communications Unit on-field operations and depart the Air Show venue. The Safety Communications Unit Commander or his appointed representative shall notify Air Show management of the unit's imminent termination of venue support before actual departure of Safety Communications Unit personnel.

**FINAL STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT:**

The Safety Communications Unit and the Watsonville Fly-in and Air Show organization have enjoyed a long relationship of cooperation and support to make the Fly-in and Air Show events safe and enjoyable experiences for both the public guests, event participants and event operations personnel. It is the intent of this document to eliminate any misunderstandings between the entities involved to facilitate continued support for a safe and enjoyable Watsonville Air Show event.

**In agreement of this statement:**

Safety Communications Unit

Bob W Date 9/MAR/10

Watsonville Fly-In and Air Show, Inc. -  
Larry Pizarro WAFS President Date 9/march/2010