

DEMONSTRATE THE ABILITY TO COORDINATE WITH THE AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH

CONDITIONS

You are a new/old member on a mission, and are assigned as the Ground Branch Director (GBD).

OBJECTIVES

- 1. To be able to coordinate between air and ground activities.

TRAINING AND EVALUATION

Training Outline

- 1. Good coordination between the Ground and Air Branches is essential to the effective prosecution of the mission.
 - a. During a search mission, the Ground Operations Branch needs to be aware of where in general the aircraft are searching.
 - b. Aircraft should be aware of any ground teams working in their assigned areas.
 - c. Both aircraft and ground teams need to know the communications capabilities of the other in the event air/ground coordination is required. Ground Teams need to be advised if a High Bird (airborne communications relay) is operational and if it goes off station.
 - d. The Air Branch should be updated periodically if Ground Teams are in the field and the GBD should be aware if the mission is being narrowed to a smaller location. By each staying aware of the others situation, Ground teams can be moved to areas where the aircraft can locate and communicate with them quickly if needed.
 - e. It would be advisable for the GBD and the AOBD to have a short interchange prior to the regular meeting of the Operations Section. In this way, any coordination issues can be worked before the meeting with the Section Chief.

Additional Information

More detailed information on this topic is available in the Mission Staff Reference Manual.

Evaluation Preparation

Setup: This examination is best accomplished during a training or tabletop mission. Have the student contact you anytime that he/she is meeting with the Air Branch

Brief Student: That you need to be included in any discussions with the Air Branch. You will be looking to see if coordination takes place and that an open channel of communications is maintained.

Evaluation

<u>Performance measures</u>	<u>Results</u>
1. Is the GBD keeping the AOBD informed of ground team activities?	P F
2. Is the GBD aware of aircraft and ground teams working in the same area?	P F

Student must receive a pass on all performance measures to qualify in this task. If the individual fails any measure, show what was done wrong and how to do it correctly.