Subject: Reporting Manned and Unmanned TFR Intrusions

Area of Concern: Airspace

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Discussion: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently conducted a review of their internal requirement that provided guidance to report Manned and Unmanned Aircraft Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) intrusions directly to the Domestic Events Network (DEN). FAA Headquarters determined that reporting protocols should be in alignment with FAA NJO 7210.928 published on 12/31/2020. To align with FAA policy, Manned and Unmanned Aircraft intrusions should be reported to the Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) rather than the DEN. Intrusions into a TFR are considered a significant event, are all too common, and present a real hazard to aviators. Reporting them appropriately is essential.

Recommendations:

- Use the Aircraft Conflict Initial Report, it is designed to assist in gathering pertinent information for reporting.
- The Aircraft Dispatcher, Airspace Coordinator, or Aviation Managers should contact ARTCC and request a positive identification of the aircraft involved. Please follow your local protocols. Intrusions should be reported immediately when possible. Reporting within 15 minutes of the incident can help ensure positive identification and appropriate follow up from the FAA. If the occurrence involves a military aircraft and there is potential for recurrence, immediately contact the Military Airspace Scheduling Activity responsible for flight in the area of operations. If necessary, cease all agency aviation activities until the safety issue is resolved.
- In addition to the information on the Aircraft Conflict Initial Report please note the NOTAM # and Fire Name when reporting to the ARTCC.
- The TFR intrusion should also be documented on a SAFECOM for internal reporting and follow-up purposes.
- Whomever notifies ARTCC, should also notify the Interagency Airspace Coordinator via email: kimberley.owczarzak@usda.gov
- The intent is to handle intrusions internally and coordinate efforts at the lowest level possible. Elevation of reporting intrusions will be determined on a case by case basis.

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