

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

and

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

This Memorandum of Understanding acknowledges the judiciousness of conducting joint law enforcement operations when such activities are mutually beneficial to the agencies concerned and contributes to the achievement of agency goals and objectives. The provisions of this agreement are in harmony with the rules, policies and procedures of each participating agency and are consistent with Federal laws and Governmental policy.

The Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) operate a variety of aircraft, airplanes and helicopters. All aircraft carrying passengers are certificated and maintained in accordance with 14 CFR or, in the case of bailed military aircraft, prescribed military aircraft maintenance schedules and procedures. Maintenance is performed by persons authorized to perform maintenance in accordance with 14 CFR 43. These maintenance standards allow safe transportation of DOI and Drug Enforcement Administration employees.

Transportation of passengers in DOI and/or DEA aircraft is authorized provided pilots and crew members meet or exceed the qualification standards specified for DEA designated Aircraft Commanders. If pilots having 500 hours of pilot time in category of aircraft are unavailable, the mission request will be refused.

Selected employees of DOI and DEA may be transported under the following conditions:

1. Employees who are trained and authorized to perform law enforcement duties (National Park Service (NPS) Police, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Special Agents, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Desert Rangers, Drug Enforcement Administration Agents, etc.) may be transported in DOI and DEA aircraft during joint law enforcement missions.

2. During non-law enforcement activities, employees may be transported in DOI and DEA aircraft when required to complete joint missions. Examples include: BLM to locate land boundaries, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to locate areas of marijuana growth, etc.

3. Non-law enforcement missions may be accomplished as necessary when approved by DEA and DOI enforcement first line supervisors.

This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective upon approval by both parties and remains in effect until canceled in writing by either party. The terms of this Memorandum of Understanding may be changed or modified periodically upon mutual agreement of both parties.

OFFICE OF AIRCRAFT SERVICES

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