

Orange County Great Park Balloon

220.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to articulate the requirements and procedures for field personnel responding to calls for service involving the Orange County Great Park Balloon.

220.2 BALLOON OPERATION

The Orange County Great Park Balloon is a tethered, helium balloon. It is maintained and operated by Aerophile, a French company that specializes in tethered helium balloon rides. The pilots involved in the flight and recovery of the balloon are FAA certified pilots employed by Aerophile.

Information for contacting the Orange County Great Park Balloon pilots is contained in the Orange County Great Park information pages on the department intranet, in dispatch, and with the Park Safety Officers.

220.3 REGULATING AGENCY

The Federal Aviation Administration oversees the operation of the Orange County Great Park Balloon.

220.4 AIRCRAFT RESPONSE AND NOTIFICATION

Any reports involving the Orange County Great Park Balloon, including, but not limited to, accidents, crashes, injuries to passengers or crew requiring medical attention more than ordinary first aid, maintenance problems, and/or operational problems, shall be faxed to the Principal Operations Inspector at (562) 420-6765 as soon as is practical after the incident.

The Balloon is also considered by the State of California as a "Permanent Amusement Ride" (CCR Title 8, section 344.15 (c)). As such, any injury requiring medical attention beyond basic first aid shall be immediately reported to OSHA/Ride and Tramway Unit at (714) 567-7211.

220.5 SUPERVISOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the responsibility of the field supervisor responding to an incident at the Orange County Great Park Balloon to ensure notification is made pursuant to this policy.

If a field supervisor does not respond to an accident as articulated above, it shall be the responsibility of the police officer or other field personnel on scene to notify the field supervisor of the accident and the nature of the injury. It shall then be the field supervisor's responsibility to ensure notification is made pursuant to this procedure.

Supervisors will also ensure that all notifications are made in accordance with the Major Incident Notification Protocol policy.