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Vaughn College Emergency Plan for Flight Training Incidents

The purpose of this Emergency Plan is to set forth procedures for Vaughn College personnel to follow in the event of an accident, incident, or other emergency involving aircraft used during flight training at a partner school or other training facility used by the College. This Emergency Plan is a preemptive measure to alleviate mistakes, misunderstandings and misquotes that may follow an accident or incident that involves a Vaughn student or Vaughn personnel. In any such instance, the College does not want to release any information about potential victims without first notifying the next of kin.

The procedures outlined here are separate and apart from any reporting obligations the partner school, training facility, or Vaughn College may have to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in accordance with 49 CFR Part 830.

Flight Operations Students

Students enrolled in an associate's or bachelor's degree in aircraft operations or aeronautical science at Vaughn College may take flight lessons at a partner school or other training facility. Since the training is not taking place at Vaughn College, representatives from other facilities may know about a possible incident or accident before Vaughn staff and that facility would remain the main contact for any inquiries. Vaughn personnel might hear about an incident from Heritage Flight Academy, from a current student or in other ways such as the news media calling Vaughn.

Compassion is key in dealing with any situation involving a student, staff or faculty member. In the event of a major incident that may involve a Vaughn College student or Vaughn personnel, the office of the president will be in direct contact with the family.

Staff at Vaughn College including security and public safety representatives should be directed not to comment on any inquiries and transfer callers to the public affairs office (718.429.6600 ext. 113 or after normal business hours at 516.503.0120) who will take information and direct the inquiry to the appropriate contact.

Plane Accidents Involving Flight Students

If anyone is notified by any means of an accident involving a Vaughn student or Vaughn personnel, immediately contact the following Vaughn leadership in the order listed:

Contact	Title	Vaughn Phone	Cell Phone	Email
Dr. Sharon DeVivo	President	718.429.6600 ext. 102	917.495.3886	Sharon.devivo@vaughn.edu
Domenic Proscia	Vice President of Training	718.429.6600 ext. 139	347.200.2343	Domenic.proscia@vaughn.edu
Maureen Kiggins	Assistant Vice President,	718.429.6600 ext. 113	516.503.0120	Maureen.kiggins@vaughn.edu

	Marketing and Communications			
Martin Capunay	Director of Security and Facilities	718.429.6600 ext. 200	917.419.1673	Martin.capunay@vaughn.edu
Dr. Paul LaVergne	Vice President, Academic Affairs	718.429.6600 ext. 127	917-584-0235	Paul.lavergne@vaughn.edu
Ron Ruggeri	Acting Coordinator for Department of Aviation	Use Cell	352.598.9637	ronald.ruggeri@vaughn.edu

Students Flying at Partner School – Heritage Flight Academy

Only those students who are enrolled in the bachelor of science in aircraft operations are required to fly with a Vaughn's training partner, Heritage Flight Academy located at MacArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma, NY (Suffolk County). Approximately 120 to 150 students on average may be flying at Heritage every semester in 17 planes including the following:

PLANE MAKE/MODEL*	REGISTRATION NUMBER	YEAR	Serial No.	Equipment
C-172S	N87HF	1998	172S8022	GNS-430 GPS
C-172S	N99HF	1999	172S8222	KLN-94 GPS
C-172S	N92HF	2000	172S8642	KLN-89B GPS
C-172S	N93HF	2000	172S8643	KLN-89B GPS
C-172S	N71HF	2004	172S9758	GTN-650 GPS TAA certified
C-172S	N105HF	2001	172S8724	GTN-650 GPS TAA certified
C-172S	N108HF	2002	172S9049	GNS-430 GPS TAA certified

C-172S	N126HF	2002	172S9053	KLN-94 GPS TAA certified
C-172S	N124HF	2004	172S9632	KLN-94 GPS
C-172S	N127HF	2003	172S9532	GTN-650 GPS TAA certified
C-172S	N129HF	2004	172S9667	GNX-375 TAA certified
C-172S	N136HF	2004	172S9711	KLN-94 GPS TAA certified
C-172S	N145HF	2001	172S8754	GTN-650 GPS TAA certified
C-172S	N210HF	2002	172S9040	GNS-430 GPS TAA certified
C-172S	N174HF	1998	172S8257	GNS-430 GPS
C-172R	N223HF	2002	17281112	KLN-94 GPS TAA certified
C-172S	N87HF	1998	172S8022	GNS-430 GPS
C-172S	N99HF	1999	172S8222	KLN-94 GPS
C-172S	N92HF	2000	172S8642	KLN-89B GPS
C-172S	N93HF	2000	172S8643	KLN-89B GPS

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The following programs/courses are offered at the approved flight school:
Private pilot; instrument rating; commercial pilot; flight instructor, flight instructor instrument; multi-engine and multi-engine instructor.

Heritage Staff and Instructors **

Director of Operations, Executive VP	Neil Visse	N/A	N/A
Agent for Service, President	Stephen Placa	N/A	N/A
Chief Instructor	Rad, Ramin Teymourian	2476484	All courses
Flight Instructor	Eriksen, Timothy	3493133	Private, Instrument, Commercial, CFI-A, CFI-I
Assistant Chief Instructor	Smith, Kevin Allen	3818743	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor / Check Instructor	Small, Matthew	4143757	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor / Check Instructor	DiLevo, Elizabeth Mary	4260107	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor / Check Instructor	Hammed, Bidemi Ibrahim	4307769	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	D'Imperio, Nicholas Louis	4023880	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor / Check Instructor	Regan, Melissa Rose	4740665	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Kose, Timucin	4626179	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Khusenov, Samandar	4405710	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor / Check Instructor	Duran, Steven Maireni	4216651	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Yoo, Dongkyun	4254028	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Gilbert, Arnaldo	3784888	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Walker, Timothy Michael	3091405	Private, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Goderich, Matthew	3613157	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Loukissas, Philip Lazarus	4480226	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Kirshbaum, Dylan Matthew	4954170	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Zhang, Ruixuan	4631745	Private, Instrument, Commercial

Flight Instructor	Patrikis, Nikolas	3970566	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Scavella, Thomas Bradley	4381568	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Leonardi, Joseph Matthew	4226462	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Augier, Louis Aiden	4574014	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Coen, Declan Richard	4728052	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Ong, Lok Yuen Gilman	4960622	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Paul, Jude	4075625	Private, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Hunsberger, Dean	4650290	Private, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Rubing, Phillip	4297624	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Argento, Matthew	4160382	Private, Instrument, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Herrera Gonzalez, Juan	4816653	Private, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Trudden, Nicholas	5014460	Private, Commercial
Flight Instructor	Tilak, Patel	5004594	Private, Commercial

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In the event of an incident or notice of an incident that may involve a Vaughn College student or Vaughn personnel, Heritage Flight Academy will contact and coordinate with Vaughn College leadership to confer about the incident and determine next steps.

- Primary contacts at Heritage:
  Steve Placa, president, 917.562.8404 (mobile)
  Neil Visse, executive vice president, 631.463.8937 (mobile)
  Heritage Flight Academy, LLC.
  Islip MacArthur Airport (KISP)
  2075 Smithtown Avenue
  Ronkonkoma, New York, 11779
  Voice: 800. 786.9060; 631.471.3550
  Email: info@heritageflightacaemcy.com
  www.heritageflightacademy.com

EMERGENCY LINE: 917.562.8404

- Depending on the assessment, any or all of the following might occur:
  - Legal counsel may be consulted
  - Mona El-Shahat, (cell phone number 917-607-5556) executive director of the office of counseling and wellness, will be alerted regarding the situation and potential counseling needs
  - Mr. Ruggeri/Dr. Lavergne will advise what can be done to assist any family involved in an incident
    Flight students may be called together for a report of what happened and provided with an offer of counseling
  - A memo from the President's office may be distributed to the College

- If Heritage reports the incident to Vaughn, they will:
  - Provide a report of what occurred including: occurrence, incident, accident, substantial damage, injuries etc.
  - Assessment of the severity of the incident
  - Provide Vaughn with a copy of any documentation submitted to the FAA, if required
  - Determine if a site visit by representatives of Vaughn leadership is necessary

Students Flying at Non-Partner Schools

Vaughn College may not receive notice of or become aware of incidents or accidents that occur separate from the College curriculum. For example, a student may be flying at an undetermined flight school, flying on their own and not as part of an academic program. In such circumstances, Vaughn College cannot comment and staffshould refer any inquiries to the local authorities for more information. However, the College may issue a public statement about the incident and the Vaughn student or Vaughn personnel involved, if appropriate. In addition, the office of the president will be in direct contact with the family.

Plane Crash Near Vaughn College

Due to Vaughn College's proximity to a major airport there is an increased possibility that the College may have some involvement in a plane crash. If you witness a plane crash immediately call 911 and Public Safety at 718-505-1024 (ext.130 from campus phones) and report the location of the crash. Security will close the tower immediately.

If there is an occurrence close to Vaughn College and evacuation is necessary:

- Vaughn employees and students should follow the emergency evacuation plans for the building in which they are located.

- Should the campus be evacuated, public safety will secure all entrances to the campus.

- A determination should be made regarding who is on campus during the time of an incident and enact a process with security to account for everyone.