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**OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE NO. 04-03**  
**Effective: August 10, 2004**

**SUBJECT: DISMANTLING AND DEMOLISHING AIRCRAFT AT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (MDC) AIRPORTS**

**PURPOSE:** To establish policy and procedures to dismantle and demolish over 30,000-pound, empty-weight aircraft at the MDC airports.

**BACKGROUND:** When over 30,000-pound empty-weight aircraft reach the end of their useful flying life, their parts and assemblies still retain great value and are overhauled and used as replacement parts on operating aircraft. The fuselage, outer body parts, and fittings are reduced to shredded metal and recycled into reusable metal ingots. However, non-operating aircraft and component parts may pose a danger to the life and safety of users of the Airport and their property as a result of those components (i) being blown about in storms; (ii) becoming fire hazards; (iii) being subjected to vandalism; (iv) interfering with the orderly and rapid emergency response efforts of firefighters, police, and ambulance services; and (v) causing environmental damage.

**I. AUTHORITY:**

Miami-Dade County Code, Chapter 25, Aviation Department, Rules and Regulations.

**II. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. *Aeronautical activity* – Any activity that involves, makes possible or is required for an aircraft operation or one that contributes to or is required for the safety of such operation. Activities within this definition include:

Charter operations, pilot training, aircraft rental and sightseeing, aerial photography, crop dusting, aerial advertising and surveying, air carrier operations, aircraft sales and services, sale of aviation petroleum products, repair and maintenance of aircraft, sale of aircraft parts, and any other activity that, because of its direct relationship to the operation of the aircraft, can appropriately be regarded as an aeronautical activity.

- B. *Demolition* – The process of disposing of non-operating aircraft through the dismantling of the aircraft's components and disassembling of the residual structure of the aircraft following dismantling.
- C. *Derelict aircraft* – Non-operating aircraft parked or stored on Airport property waiting for dismantling and shredding for more than 60 days without a Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) written authorization.
- D. *Dismantling or parting out* - The removal of parts, assemblies, and operational components from derelict aircraft for reuse in other aircraft.

### **III. POLICY:**

- A. This Operational Directive (OD) establishes the criteria and procedures delineated below for persons, firms or corporations desiring to engage in dismantling and/or demolishing over 30,000-pound, empty-weight aircraft at MDC airports.
- B. Environmental and property damage concerns shall be the primary factors in the selection and approval of designated areas for dismantling and demolition.

### **IV. PROCEDURES:**

- A. All parties interested in dismantling or demolishing over 30,000-pound, empty-weight aircraft at MDC airports must contact the appropriate Airport Manager at least 45 days before aircraft arrival to present the company's credentials. Credentials must include detailed listings of: experience, proper licenses, insurance, an activity plan indicating how the operation will be conducted, specific measures to protect against spills and other environmental damage, and arrangements for debris removal.

- B. Upon approval of credentials, the Airport Manager will assign a demolition area if the work is not to be done on a leasehold approved for this purpose. As a rule, the dismantling of parts, assemblies, electronics, and materials from the airframe must be performed on leaseholds where aircraft maintenance activities are allowed by lease or other agreements
- C. The requestor must present the written approval of the Airport Manager and the assigned site to the MDAD Properties Division to apply for a demolition permit. The demolition permit allows the Permittee to land the aircraft, followed by the dismantling of vital parts, assemblies, electronics, and materials from the airframe.
- D. In addition, the Permittee must obtain a Certificate of Use from the MDC Planning and Zoning Department and an Industrial Waste Operating Permit from the MDC Department of Environmental Resources Management.
- E. When the dismantling is complete, the aircraft shall be relocated to the area designated by the airport manager for the shredding of the airframe (chopping block).
- F. Aircraft parts or components can only be stored or retained in inventory in an authorized, enclosed facility or in a manner approved by MDAD in writing.

**V. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:**

- A. Parking or storing non-operating aircraft on airport property, including leased premises, for more than 60 days without written authorization from the Airport Manager.
- B. Non-aeronautical business activities unless specifically authorized by MDAD Properties Division under a lease or permit.

**VI. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This OD shall become effective 15 days subsequent to filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court as required by Section 2-3 and 2-4 of the County Code.

**VII. AMENDMENTS:**

MDAD reserves the right to amend this OD at any time and from time to time, and notice of such amendment will be furnished to all affected parties who register with MDAD.

**VIII. SEVERABILITY:**

If any court of competent jurisdiction determines that a provision in this OD is illegal or void, the remainder of this OD shall continue in full force and effect.

**REVOCACTION:** None.

**CROSS REFERENCE:** None.



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Date: July 26, 2004