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Defence Fire and Recue



AIRCRAFT TACTICS TECHNIQUES PROCEDURES (ATTP/A42)

This TTP refers to the operation of the Merlin Mk2 utilising 2 MPRV vehicles at H3/5

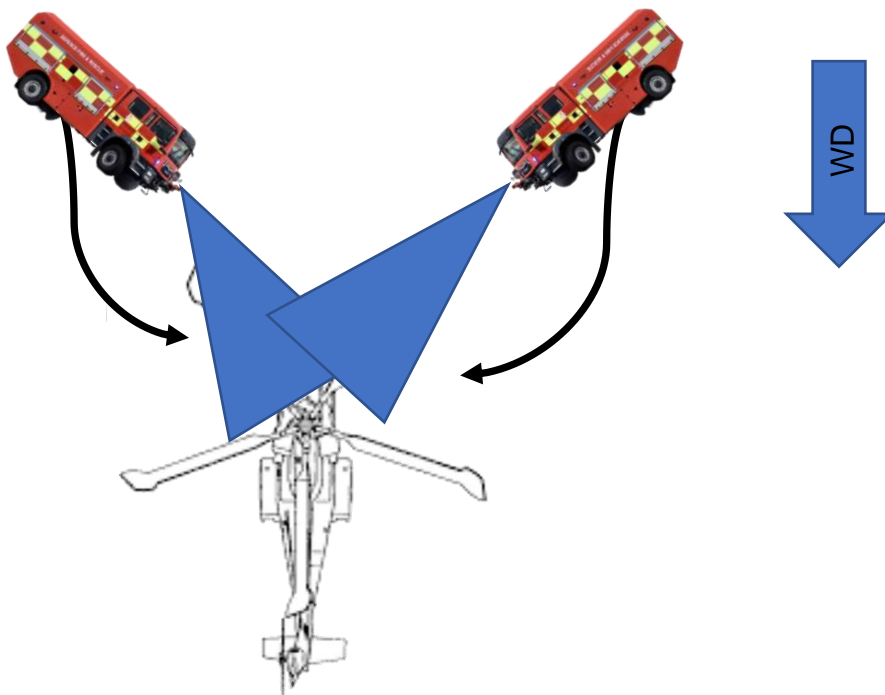
MPRV (Crash1)
1X CM
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2X BA

MPRV (Crash 2)
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TTP 1 - External Fire

Event Plan - Initial Deployment



Crash 2 - Incident Commander Considerations:

- Confirm whether armaments and countermeasures are present
- Conduct and complete DRA
- Order BA Team to don BA using Rapid Deployment
- Declare Tactical Mode
- Consider required agencies and resources
- Consider implementing Major Incident Plan
- Direct firefighting actions to create survivable conditions
- Consider contacting aircraft commander via ATC or 121.6 if available
- Be aware of PAX exiting aircraft
- Direct BA rescue crew
- Direct Medical Teams
- Direct all operational control and implement ICS
- Provide M/ETHANE report
- Maintain safe operations and ensure scene safety
- Direct other agencies using JESIP
- Consider water replenishment
- Consider media run-off and water courses on scene.
- Consider preservation of evidence

Crash 2 - MPRV Actions:

- Deploy vehicle at 45 degrees to the aircraft
- Be aware of PAX exiting the aircraft
- Operate monitor and extinguish fire utilising mass discharge
- Deploy sufficient lengths of 45mm hose and extinguish any remaining fire
- Cool airframe if required
- Assist rescue BA team.
- Consider use of TIC

Crash 1 - MPRV Actions:

- Deploy vehicle to 45 degrees to aircraft depending on wind direction
- Operate monitor and extinguish fire utilising mass discharge if required
- Be aware of PAX exiting the aircraft
- Consider method of entry if PAX remain on board
- Don BA and utilise Rapid Deployment Procedures
- Deploy 45mm hose and prepare to make entry into aircraft
- Create survivable conditions by extinguishing fire & ventilating.
- Utilise Medics to triage casualties on board if survivable conditions are present
- Aid Medics in extricating casualties
- Cool airframe if required.

Specific Aircraft Hazards/Procedures:

- Rotors
- Crowsnest Inflation
- Flammable liquids and flammable pressurised gases
- Composite aircraft materials.

Further Considerations:

- Aircraft position and wreckage
- Leaking fuel
- Aircrew
- Other agencies.

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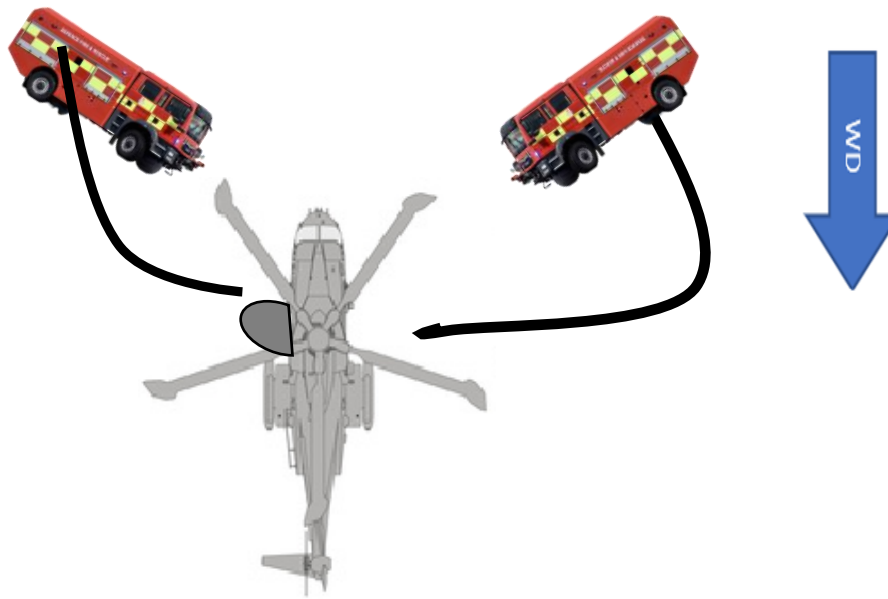
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Training:

- Aircraft familiarisation
- Deployment exercise(s)
- Redkite CMS
- Aircraft lecture – 6 monthly lesson / familiarisation presentation

TTP 2 – Internal Fire

Event Plan - Initial Deployment



The Aircraft main internal fuselage will house the power supply unit for the Crowsnest, there will be nothing else stored in the rear main cargo area other than the unit pictured. Crowsnest Power Supply operates at 150v and within the unit there is a small 200psi Nitrogen Cylinder (pressure gauges on the left). The unit is Liquid Cooled with Tetrafluoroethane, a Non-Flammable liquid, however; rapid evaporation of the liquid may cause frostbite. The Gaseous vapour is heavier than air and can cause suffocation.

Crash 2 - Incident Commander Considerations:

- Confirm whether armaments and countermeasures are present
- Conduct and complete DRA
- Order BA Team to don BA using Rapid Deployment
- Declare Tactical Mode
- Consider required agencies and resources
- Consider implementing Major Incident Plan
- Direct firefighting actions to create survivable conditions
- Consider contacting aircraft commander via ATC or 121.6 if available
- Be aware of PAX exiting aircraft from rear ramp
- Direct BA rescue crew
- Direct Medical Teams
- Direct all operational control and implement ICS
- Provide M/ETHANE report
- Maintain safe operations and ensure scene safety
- Direct other agencies using JESIP
- Consider water replenishment
- Consider media run-off and water courses on scene.
- Consider preservation of evidence

Crash 1 - MPRV Actions:

- Deploy vehicle at 45 degrees to the aircraft
- Operate monitor and extinguish fire utilising mass discharge if required
- Consider secondary agents
- Deploy 45mm hose and prepare for entry into aircraft
- Don BA and utilise Rapid Deployment Procedures and gain access
- Create survivable conditions
- Confirm/make safe aircraft systems
- Utilise Medics to triage casualties on board if survivable conditions are present
- Aid Medics in extricating casualties
- Consider further media application

Crash 2 - MPRV Actions:

- Deploy vehicle at 45 degrees to the aircraft
- Be aware of PAX exiting the aircraft
- Operate monitor and extinguish Fire if required
- Deploy sufficient lengths of 45mm hose and extinguish any remaining fire
- Cool Engines and prevent internal fire spread
- Assist BA team.
- Consider use of TIC

Specific Aircraft Hazards:

- Rotors
- Flammable liquids
- Flammable/pressurised gases
- Composite aircraft materials.
- Electrical Radar Components
- Sonobuoys

Further Considerations:

- Aircraft position and wreckage
- Leaking fuel
- Aircrew
- Other agencies.

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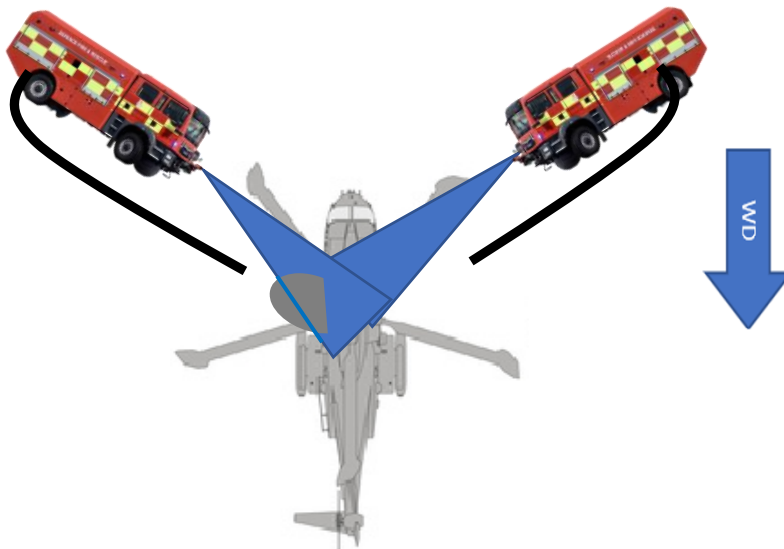
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TTP 3 - Engine Compartment Fire

Event Plan - Initial Deployment



Incident Commander Considerations:

- Confirm whether armaments and countermeasures are present
- Conduct and complete DRA
- Order BA Team to don BA using Rapid Deployment
- Declare Tactical Mode
- Consider required agencies and resources
- Consider implementing Major Incident Plan
- Direct firefighting actions to create survivable conditions
- Consider contacting aircraft commander via ATC or 121.6 if available
- Be aware of PAX exiting aircraft
- Direct BA rescue crew
- Direct Medical Teams
- Direct all operational control and implement ICS
- Provide M/ETHANE report
- Maintain safe operations and ensure scene safety
- Direct other agencies using JESIP
- Consider water replenishment
- Consider media run-off and water courses on scene.
- Consider preservation of evidence

Crash 1 - MPRV Actions:

- Deploy vehicle at 45 degrees to the aircraft
- Operate monitor and extinguish fire utilising mass discharge if required
- Consider secondary agents
- Deploy 45mm hose and prepare for entry into aircraft
- Don BA and utilise Rapid Deployment Procedures and gain access
- Create survivable conditions
- Confirm/make safe aircraft systems
- Utilise Medics to triage casualties on board if survivable conditions are present
- Aid Medics in extricating casualties
- Consider further media application

Crash 2 - MPRV Actions

- Deploy vehicle at 45 degrees to the aircraft
- Be aware of PAX exiting the aircraft
- Operate monitor and extinguish Fire if required
- Deploy sufficient lengths of 45mm hose and extinguish any remaining fire
- Cool Engines and prevent internal fire spread
- Assist BA team.
- Consider use of TIC

Specific Aircraft Hazards:

- Rotors
- Flammable liquids
- Flammable/pressurised gases
- Composite aircraft materials.
- Sonobuoys

Further Considerations:

- Aircraft position and wreckage
- Leaking fuel
- Safe Approach Angle
- Aircrew
- Other agencies.

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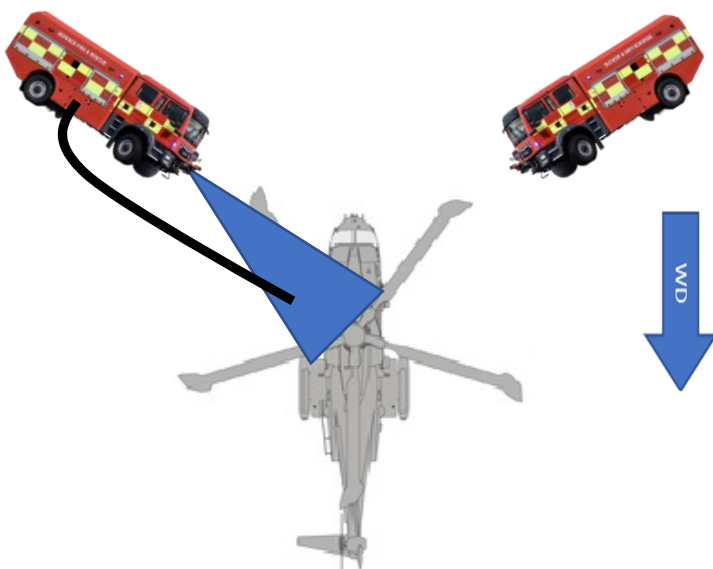
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TTP 4 - Wheel Fire / Wheels Up and Undercarriage Failure



When the Crowsnest is deployed and in its operational position the bag will sit lower than the undercarriage when deployed. Currently for RNAS Culdrose, the wheels up landing platform (G-Site) any electronic issues to re-house the bag, the bag will foul itself on the ground. The bag is inflated with Oxygen and Nitrogen when in use, but the internal Radar can be operated independently of the bags positioning. The Nitrogen and Radar will be isolated just leaving approximately 80% Oxygen in the bag to protect the Radar when landing and the current protocol for the Bag being unable to be re-housed is to land on soft terrain area.

Event Plan - Initial Deployment



Incident Commander Considerations:

- Confirm whether armaments and countermeasures are present
- Consider Vehicle Positioning if Bag is Down
- Conduct and complete DRA
- Order BA Team to don BA using Rapid Deployment
- Declare Tactical Mode
- Consider Secondary Agents
- Consider required agencies and resources
- Consider implementing Major Incident Plan
- Direct firefighting actions to create survivable conditions
- Consider contacting aircraft commander via ATC or 121.6 if available
- Be aware of PAX exiting aircraft
- Direct BA crew
- Direct Medical Teams
- Direct all operational control and implement ICS
- Provide M/ETHANE report
- Maintain safe operations and ensure scene safety
- Direct other agencies using JESIP
- Consider water replenishment
- Consider media run-off and water courses on scene.
- Consider preservation of evidence
- Consider use of TIC

Crash 1 - MPRV Actions:

- Deploy vehicle and Firefighters at 45 degrees to the aircraft
- Operate monitor and extinguish fire utilising mass discharge if required to prevent spread to fuselage
- Don BA Rapid Deployment
- Deploy 45mm hose to fight fire from 45-degree angle
- Consider dual application of water and dry powder
- Create survivable conditions and be aware of PAX exiting airframe
- Confirm/make safe aircraft systems.
- Utilise Medics to triage casualties if required
- Consider further media application to prevent Fire Spread.

Crash 2 - MPRV Actions

- Deploy vehicle at 45 degrees to the aircraft
- Be aware of PAX exiting the aircraft
- Deploy sufficient lengths of 45mm hose if required
- Supply extra Dry Powder as required
- Assist BA team.
- Consider use of TIC

Specific Aircraft Hazards:

- Rotors
- Flammable liquids
- Flammable/pressurised gases
- Composite aircraft materials.
- Wheel Plugs
- Crowsnest

Further Considerations:

- Aircraft position and wreckage
- Leaking fuel
- Safe Approach Angle
- Aircrew
- Other agencies.

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