

## DART ACTIVATION

11-16-2021

### AFTER ACTION REPORT

**WHAT:** On Monday 11-15-2021 the CCEM the Clallam County DART was activated by Ron Cameron in response to operations related to flooding from recent heavy rains. The entire West end of Clallam County was cut off from vehicular traffic and isolated.

**WHERE:** Operations Center at Wm. R. Fairchild was opened by Alan Barnard, CCDART Chairman and David Woodcock CCDART Vice Chairman.

#### ACTIONS:

- Ground Support personnel determined to be adequate for this response were Alan Barnard, David Woodcock and David Miller.
- First mission was to activate J.D. Crow and his R66 Helicopter to carry Sheriff Sargent John Keegan, Emergency Operations Supervisor and Joe Donisi from Clallam County Roads to recon the west end to observe and record flooding and related damage resulting from heavy rains. A 2 ½ hour flight ensued from approximately 1100 hours to 1330 hours wherein photos and observations confirmed and revealed road and flood damage that needed to be addressed to open up access to the West end and resume vehicular traffic to and from.
- Anne Chastain from CCEM then contacted Alan and indicated that a large amount of bottled water needed to get transported to the Sekiu area due to the failure of the water system. Five aircraft and pilots responded which included DART pilots Bud Williams, Dava McNutt, Dan Gase, Deb Cox and Jeff Well from Rite Bros. Aviation. The remainder of Tuesday 11-16-2021 involved 10 flights to Sekiu transporting 100 cases of water.
- Wednesday morning 11-17-2021 4 aircraft were utilized including another joining the missions from Diamond Point, John Johnson. Initially 50 more cases of water were delivered to Sekiu. During those flights another 11 containers of pharmaceuticals and 3 boxes containing vaccine and related materials were additionally flown to Sekiu. Operations ended about 1330 hours which completed all transport needs from the CCEM as of that time. The DART then stood down until further notice.

#### RELATED ITEMS:

- The water was provided via the PUD who also provided several staff headed by Larry Morris to load the water in the aircraft and arrange for off loading at Sekiu.
- A total of 16 flight operations were conducted by a total of 8 aircraft.
- A total of 150 cases of bottled water weighing 6750 lbs. consisting of 825 gallons of drinking water, 11 tote containers of pharmaceuticals and 3 vaccine related boxes were

transported over a two day period beginning around 1100 hours on Tuesday and ending at 1330 hours on Wednesday.

- The DART then stood down and is ready to begin future operations in connection with this flooding emergency if called upon by the CCEM.

#### CONCLUSION:

- The DART's first larger scale operation worked as planned and trained for successfully completing all operations required by CCEM in a timely manner to assist the citizens of the West end of Clallam County.
- All aircraft and ground support personnel performed well and completed all assignments successfully.
- Systems, procedures and forms implemented as part of the DART program worked as designed.
- Needed is a more clear and consistent method of communication between the CCEM and the DART during activation operations to lessen the opportunity for confusion and possible mistakes.
- All aircraft burned a total of 238 gallons of aviation fuel.
- Our operations took place on the Rite Bros. Aviation ramp area and they assisted us with their fork lift to move pallets of water plus use of their hand trucks to accomplish loading in addition to the very heavy flights that the owner of Rite Bros., Jeff Well flew for us. Jeff is also a member of the DART and provided his generous support with his facility and aircraft.

Alan Barnard, CCDART Chair

David Woodcock, CCDART Vice Chair