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Parachute Safety Analysis for Lawrence Municipal Airport

Dear Jerry,

There have been requests for parachuting operations at the Lawrence Municipal Airport (LWC). In order to help LWC officials respond appropriately to the requests, we request your assistance by conducting a safety analysis of the airport. The intent of the analysis is to determine if parachute operations can be safely accommodated and if any specific airport and/or air traffic provisions must be implemented to ensure operational safety.

In addition to provisions that must be put in place to safely accommodate parachute operations, the airport would appreciate guidance in determining safe Parachute Landing Areas (PLAs). If not included in the report, this is something that can be discussed at a later date after the study is complete.

One of the concerns the airport has expressed with accommodating parachute operations is the potential conflict this may cause with the life flight service provided at the airport by Life Star. Please take this emergency operation in to consideration in your analysis.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns or if you need additional information. Our Compliance Specialist, Lynn Martin, will be the FAA Airports Division point of contact for this effort. Lynn can be reached at 816-329-2644.

Sincerely,

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