

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
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OPERATIONS GROUP

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Attachment 3

General Operating Manual (extract) – Minimum Cruising Altitudes

- B. Distribution
 - 1. Director of Operations
 - 2. Staff Pilots
 - 3. Chief Flight Nurse
 - 5. Base Coordinator

C. Changes to the Schedule

Any schedule changes will be approved by the Chief Pilot and/or Lead Pilot.

D. Vacation

Will be approved in accordance with *AIR ANGELS* Policy by the Chief Pilot and Lead Pilot.

5.19 **MINIMUM CRUISING ALTITUDES**

Cruising altitude will be at an altitude that will ensure a safe landing should an emergency arise. Altitudes are prescribed in FAR Parts 91 and 135.

5.20 **COCKPIT ORGANIZATION**

The business of piloting an ambulance helicopter becomes more complex with the addition of tasks pertinent to the medical mission, (e.g. radio communications, position reports, etc.). Because of the high workload, an important factor is good cockpit organization /management. Not only is necessary to have on board required maps, publications and manuals, equally important is their proper storage in the aircraft. This section outlines this material and provides instruction for the disposition of same.

- A. Maintained on-board and accessible to the Pilot-In- Command shall be:
 - 1. A flashlight (two D-cell or equivalent)
 - 2. An approved aircraft checklist.