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OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE No. 02-01  
Effective: March 7, 2002

**SUBJECT: FUELING AND DEFUELING AIRCRAFT AT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AIRPORTS**

**PURPOSE:** To enhance the safety precautions established by Chapter 25 of the Miami-Dade County Code as they refer to refueling and defueling aircraft and motor vehicles at Miami-Dade County airports.

**I. AUTHORITY:**

Miami-Dade County Code, Chapter 25, Section 25-6.23, Fueling and Defueling

**II. POLICY:**

In addition to the rules contained in Chapter 25, Section 25-6.23, the following policies shall be added:

- A. There shall be no obstruction of fire protection and fire lanes. No person shall place or keep any vehicle, ground equipment, trash, or other material near any fire hydrant, Fire Department connection or fire protection system control valve; or block any lane that would prevent such equipment or hydrant from being immediately discernible; or in any other manner deter or hinder the Fire Department from gaining immediate access to said equipment or hydrant.
- B. All authorized personnel who operate a fuel vehicle must remain with that vehicle during fueling operation, e.g., while it is parked under a plane's wing, hooked up to a hydrant or hooked to an aircraft.
- C. All inter-plane and ground-fuel vehicles must be equipped with functioning two-way radios, or have a portable radio assigned to the driver that is tunable to, and operating on the frequencies of their company's dispatch office.
- D. The parking areas for unattended ground or aircraft fuel servicing tankers must provide the following:
  - 1. Dispersal or escape routes for the vehicles in the event of an emergency.

2. A minimum of ten feet of clear space between the parked vehicles for fire control access.
3. Prevention of any leakage from draining into an adjacent building or storm drain that is not suitably designed to handle fuel.
4. A minimum of 50 feet from any parked aircraft and buildings other than maintenance facilities and garages for fuel servicing tank vehicles.
5. A minimum clearance of ten feet from any Airside Operation Area (AOA) fence per security directives.

**III. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

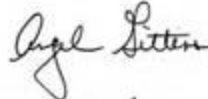
This Operational Directive shall become effective 15 days subsequent to filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court as required by Sections 2-3 and 2-4 of the County Code.

**IV. AMENDMENTS:**

The Miami-Dade Aviation Department reserves the right to amend this Operational Directive at any time and from time to time, and notice of such amendment will be furnished to all affected parties who register with the Aviation Department. Such amendments of rules shall become effective 15 days subsequent to filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court as indicated in Section III above.

**V. SEVERABILITY:**

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



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Angela Gittens, Aviation Director

Date: February 19, 2002