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From: Honolulu Flight Standard District Office (FSDO)
To: Operators and Aviation Aircrews utilizing Dillingham (PHDH) airfield

Subj: Topics of discussions from the Dillingham Airfield Safety and Operations Meeting conducted at 1700 on May 4, 2010, at Camp Erdman

The following issues, concerns and subject areas were topics of discussion at the recent Dillingham Operations and Safety Meeting:

- Numerous reports from Dillingham neighbors of low flying civilian aircraft over their homes and performing non standard maneuvering of their aircraft in close proximity to their homes
- Military helicopters flying extremely low over adjacent beaches near airfield; numerous calls to military headquarters have not rectified the problems
- Operations safety at Dillingham has improved. There are some pilots who continue to fly erratically and are not in compliance with directives and regulations
- Operators on Dillingham airfield have reiterated current procedures and course rules to their pilots – emphasizing safety and avoidance of noise sensitive areas
- Operators on Dillingham encourage neighbors to visit their location on the airfield and address any noise or safety issues; neighbors have tried this initiative in the past with mixed results
- Military aircraft flying at low altitudes at night, often in the middle of the night, are a major safety and noise concern at the airfield
- Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) engine noise early in the morning is very disturbing to adjacent neighbors
- All aircraft should avoid over flight of YMCA Camp Erdman and local neighborhoods at all times
- If aircraft flying at Dillingham would follow published procedures most activities would not only be safer but generate less noise complaints
- Aircrews flying at Dillingham that do not meet safety norms are subject to FAA enforcement action as a result of being careless and/or reckless (14 CFR 91.13)
- FAA needs to perform more surveillance at Dillingham airfield
- Operator's intent for attendance at the meeting was to increase safety awareness and hear the concerns of the airfield neighbors
- Most questions that concern operations at Dillingham airfield are addressed in the Hawaii Airports and Flying Safety Guide 2010-2011 Edition at the following website:

- <http://hawaii.gov/dot/airports/library/publications-and-statistics/Airport-Safety-Guide-2010-v2.pdf>
- Ms. Kayla Overton, Public Affairs Specialist, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii attended this meeting to address specific military noise and safety issues. Contact information for her office: (P) 808-656-3159, (F) 808-656-3162, email kayla.r.overton@us.army.mil
- **AVOID OVERFLIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

CAMP ERDMAN



NORTH NEIGHBORS AND BEACH PARK



EAST NEIGHBORS



The Honolulu FSDO sincerely appreciates the tremendous effort by all the adjacent airfield neighbors, Camp Erdman, the U.S. Army, Hawaii State Airports Division, airfield operators, and aircrews that attended this meeting. This cooperative endeavor of all the parties that utilize or live near Dillingham Airfield is imperative to guarantee the safety of all operations, reduce noise complaints, and compliance with applicable directives. This initiative is an ongoing campaign – not intended to stop with this meeting. It is in the best interest of everyone involved to correct and alleviate all contentious issues that affect the safe use of Dillingham Airfield.

Please forward this information to all interested parties to ensure widest dissemination. Please call the Honolulu FSDO for additional information.

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