U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Air and Marine Operations Center

FACT SHEET

The Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC), a facility within CBP's Air and Marine Operations, (AMO), is an international, multi-domain federal law enforcement center. Established in 1988 at March Air Reserve Base, Riverside, California, the facility is a state-of-the-art law enforcement operations and domain awareness center that focuses on suspicious general aviation and non-commercial maritime
activities in the Western Hemisphere.

AMOC conducts air and marine surveillance operations, providing direct coordination to AMO;; CBP law enforcement officers performing interdiction missions; and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies conducting criminal investigations. AMOC coordinates operations with the North American Aerospace Defense Command, and the governments of Mexico, Canada, and the Bahamas.

Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the national demand for AMOC's unique abilities increased. In response, AMOC expanded by advancing its capabilities and increasing its partnerships. AMOC integrated data from hundreds of additional domestic and international radars and optical and acoustical sensors to provide surveillance of critical national infrastructure throughout the United States and to facilitate disaster response. AMOC applies sophisticated technology to detect, identify, track, and direct the interdiction of suspect aviation and maritime targets. Its command and control system provides a single display that is capable of tracking over 50,000 individual targets. AMOC uses extensive law enforcement and intelligence databases and tracking and communications networks to coordinate a law enforcement response to suspect aviation and maritime activities.

AMOC hosts personnel from throughout the Department of Homeland Security, other federal agencies and international partners with complementary and interdependent missions. AMOC has two auxiliary facilities; the Caribbean Air and Marine Operations Center focuses on suspect aircraft and vessels in the Caribbean area of responsibility, and the Capital Regional Unit supports air security and defense operations in the National Capital Region of Washington, D.C.

Domain Awareness

Domain awareness is one of our most critical contributions to securing the nation's borders and combating criminal organizations. AMO shares real-time, actionable information by linking a vast network of sensors and sensor-equipped aircraft and vessels at the AMOC.

Suspicious aviation and maritime activities can be reported by calling 1-866-AIRBUST (1-866-247-2878). Law enforcement officials at the AMOC monitor this line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to coordinate an appropriate law enforcement response.