



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Air and Marine Operations Center

FACT SHEET

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

The AMOC conducts air and marine surveillance operations, providing direct coordination and support to OAM; 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 capabilities increased. In response, AMOC expanded; its capabilities evolved and partnerships increased. AMOC integrated data from hundreds of additional domestic and international radar, optical and acoustical sensors to provide surveillance of critical national infrastructure throughout the United States and to support disaster response.

Modernization

OAM established the AMOC Phase B program to modernize AMOC systems and expand AMOC facilities to meet evolving border security and national response requirements. The Phase B program will increase the AMOC's multi-domain capabilities (air, maritime and ground) to provide rapid coordination of law enforcement and humanitarian activities throughout the United States.



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, 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 National Capital Region Unit supports air security and defense operations in the National Capital Region of Washington, DC.

See Something, Say Something

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.