

Missing aircraft

Initial steps

Dispatch ground teams to do Ramp Checks and Airport Logs Checks.
Launch aircraft to fly an Initial Reflex Search aka hasty route search. Monitor ELT frequencies.
Launch aircraft to fly grid search at last known position (i.e. Departure Airport / Arrival Airport)
Launch high bird to fill communications gaps.

Develop intel

Launch aircraft to fly Route Search
Launch aircraft to fly grid searches (parallel track).
Launch aircraft to fly point based search based upon clues/leads
Determine maximum possibility area
Determine probability area

Interviews

FSS (Flight Service Station)
Flight Plan
Radar Contact
ALNOT (Alert Notice)
Weather along route during flight
Did pilot get a weather briefing?
Time of departure?
Wife / Spouse / Significant Other
FBO Manager (Departure Airfield)
FBO Line-man / Fueler
A/C Partners / Flying Buddies
Flight Instructor
A/C Mechanic

Contacts/Requests

AFRCC
Who reported missing a/c? FSS, police, wife, etc.
SARSAT / ELT Hits
Core frequencies for ELTs
NTAP / RADES / Guy Lochland info
Credit Card Tracking
Cell Phone Tracking
Weather along route of flight
Request TFR if necessary
Request Assistance for adjoining CAP Wing

MSP (Michigan State Police) local post
Sheriff's Dept.
Let them know you are working in their county
Request they check pilot's home

Confirm

Flight plan information
Time of departure or last seen (narrow this down)
Aircraft description (picture if able)
Passengers on board

ELT Search

Initial steps.

Launch aircraft to fly an electronic search for the ELT.

Dispatch ground teams to do Ramp Checks and electronic search for ELT, as well as coordinate with air-crew.

Interviews

FSS (Flight Service Station)

Any reported missing aircraft?

Contacts/Requests

AFRCC

SARSAT / ELT Hits

Core frequencies for ELTs