

AFTW Minutes

13 June 2012 0930-1045 Wednesday at FSDO

Attendees:

Dave Kitts Phoenix Helicopter, Terry Brandt DPEAG, Dustin Becher ATCT SDL, John Morris ATCT SDL
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Topics:

1. Dave Kitts discussed the FFZ arrival and departure paths for helicopters based on questions from the last meeting. Noted was that the helicopter altitude is 1900 msl as shown in the AFD. The helicopter paths are described in a Letter of Agreement with each helicopter operator. Generally the paths are over Greenfield Rd and Higley Rd to a pattern or approach to a landing site. The direction of flight along the roads is based on runway in use. When within 2 mi of the airport boundary and transitioning helicopters will cross at midfield in line with taxiway B. There is a standard race track training pattern—Yankee—north of the E ramp.

2. The SDL ATCT is alerting training operators and is suggesting a training area modification to minimize an arrival conflict for north arrivals to RWY 21. The suggestion is to modify the west boundary as shown on the AFTW web site to a line from the east end of Carefree AP to Pinnacle Peak. They are asking for our considered opinion and suggestions to improve safety.

3. Reminder that the PTS for private pilot and commercial pilot airplane has been changed effective 1 June 2012.

Next Meeting:

12 Sep at the FSDO, 9:30 to 11:30 am