



MDOT Office of Aeronautics

Air Transport Unit Overview

Who We Are

- Staff of 7 – Supervisor, 3 Aviation Specialists, 3 Maintenance Unit
 - Primary responsibility: Safety of Flight, Passenger Transportation
 - Additional roles: airport, flight school, heliport inspection, tall structure permit processing.

What We Utilize

- 1982 Beechcraft King Air 200
 - 9 Passenger, \$1097
- 1999 Beechcraft King Air 200
 - 9 Passenger, \$1097
- 1985 Beechcraft Baron 58
 - 5 Passenger, \$431
- 1994 Beechcraft Baron 58
 - 5 Passenger, \$431
- 1982 Cessna 206



Who We Transport

- Part 91 vs Part 135
 - Executive, Legislative, and Judicial members and staff
 - State agencies including MDARD, OAG, MDOC, MDHHS, MDEQ, DTMB, MDNR, MDOE, MEDC, LARA, MSHDA, MSP, MSU, MTU, DMVA, TED, MDOT
 - Restrictions: MDOT appropriation legislation restricts Legislature use of aircraft.

How We Charge

- Part 91 vs Part 135 Aircraft Operations
- Transported agencies are assessed an hourly rate for aircraft utilization.
- Additional fees such as fuel, maintenance, insurance, aircraft parts, pilot time, pilot travel charges, and handling security or other fees are charged directly to the agency transported.
- In determining the cost recovery rates assessed against other state agencies, MDOT examines the previous year's actual expenses and scheduled maintenance expenditures to determine an annual rate.
- Revenue is deposited into the State Aeronautics fund, a restricted revenue fund.
- The department supports other state agencies to determine if using the state aircraft fleet is the most economical mode of travel. However, the department does not make the travel decision for other state agencies.

Why We Do This

- **Efficiency and Safety**

- Efficiency

- Lansing – Marquette – Lansing – 8 employees

- Two vehicles, 800 miles, 14 hours car, hotel, per diem

- 8 employees x \$35 x 14 hours = \$3,920 lost wages (no hotel or per diem)

- King Air flight \$1097 x 2 hours = \$2,194

- No overnight, no hotel, no per diem

- Safety / Emergency Response

- Emergency Bridge Repair

- Michigan State Police

- DEQ Spill Response

- MDOT Maintains agreements with MDHHS, MSP to provide emergency support

- Fiscal Year 2017 Employee savings on time alone = \$587,000



Questions?