

Aircraft Status Definitions

Seven (7) Categories

#1

Aircraft Maintenance

This category includes ALL Maintenance Issues:

This includes all aircraft and flight operations mechanical issues, illuminated trouble lights, exceeding limitations established in specific flight/aircraft manuals and out of service aircraft due to mechanical or maintenance issues.

#2

Tactical / Operational Decisions

This category covers all actions by the Incident Commander, Air Tactical Group Supervisor and/or Pilot that places the aircraft on the ground.

As related to pilot stress management, tactical decisions load and hold, tactical decision related to safety, tactical decision to maintain safe aircraft spacing in and around the fire traffic area, assigned to the incident waiting for tactical mission and other operational tactical decisions.

#3

Administrative / Staffing

This category covers those times the aircraft is unavailable due to staffing issues.

This includes call back of pilots for aircraft that are available but do not have pilot(s) and flight crews, this also includes travel time for pilot and crews to meet up with aircraft and policies dealing with required pilot rest prior to flying aircraft.

#4

Wind / Visibility/ Safety

This category covers any environmental restraints to safe aircraft operations.

This includes aircraft grounded due to a near miss incident or accident, wind turbulence in excess of safe operating conditions, visibility (clouds, smoke, time of day, shadowing), other weather conditions that are unsafe to operate aircraft, safety issues, mechanical issues, fatigue and stress management, operational safety briefings, aircraft on the ground at cutoff and cannot return to fire. Airport closures due to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Rules and pilot ratings.

NOTE: *This could be done by Pilot, Air Tactical Group Supervisor, Safety Officer, Incident Commander, Operations Section Chief, Air Operations Branch Director. FAA, Flight Service Station and others if it is deemed unsafe.*

#5

Assigned Initial Attack Duties

The aircraft is assigned to initial attack duties either in or out of the immediate area.

This includes the aircraft is available on standby stationed ready for Initial Attack (IA) assignment.

#6

Undocumented

This category covers those situations that are unknown at this time.

This covers aircraft location or assignment has not been determined based on documentation that has been obtained / gathered at the time of this document.

#7

Not Involved

Resource was not involved.

This covers aviation assets that were not assigned, ordered or tasked and the resources that were released on the day(s) that are displayed.

