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RE: Flight Training activity and Noise Abatement support

The City of Scottsdale is asking for your cooperation as a flight school to minimize the impacts of aircraft overflights and noise for our residents in northern Scottsdale.

Residents, in the northern area of Scottsdale bounded by Alma School Road, Dynamite/Rio Verde Road, Happy Valley Road and 136<sup>th</sup> Street (see attached map) have voiced significant concerns regarding flight training overflights in their neighborhood. Their concerns include increased flight training overflights, noise levels and lower altitudes of these aircraft over their homes.

In monitoring flight tracking data websites, residents along with the Aviation Department have determined that these flight training operations are departing and arriving out of Deer Valley Airport. It appears that these flight paths are encroaching further south than in the past.

Through conversations with our on-airport flight training schools, we understand that there is flexibility in designating the flight paths traveling to and from the practice areas. With this in mind, we believe that by employing some minor modifications to flight paths over less dense neighborhood areas that these concerns can be alleviated or minimized with minimal impact to your operations.

The City of Scottsdale asks for your support by implementing the following or finding other ways to lessen the impact to these residents:

- Adjust flight paths away from Troon area.
- Avoid flying over congested areas
- Make every effort to fly as high as possible over such areas when overflights cannot be avoided.

As you know with recent heightened awareness of aircraft noise and changes to flight paths, we respectfully ask for your assistance in making adjustments to help mitigate the noise and impacts to these residents.

I thank you in advance for your efforts to comply with our noise abatement program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (480) 312-7735.

Sincerely,

Gary P. Mascaro, C.M., C.A.E.

**Aviation Director** 

Attachment: Boundary map of increased low overflight impacts

Cc. Scottsdale City Council
Scottsdale City Manager
Scottsdale Airport Advisory Commission
City of Phoenix – Aviation Department

## **Troon Area**



