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Westwind  
Pete Hatchett, Chief of Operations  
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**RE: Flight Training activity and Noise Abatement support**

Dear Pete Hatchett:

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 as there are an increasingly number of complaints being registered.

Residents in the vicinity bounded by Thompson Peak Parkway to Deer Valley Road, Scottsdale to Pima roads (see attached map) have registered increased complaints of flight training activity in their neighborhood. Their concerns include increased flight training overflights, late night 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 most flight training operations are departing and arriving out of Phoenix Deer Valley Airport.

We ask for your cooperation to mitigate these noise impacts by employing some minor modifications to your flight paths and flying more frequently over less congested areas, like the state land or unpopulated areas.


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 the above area.
- Avoid flying over congested areas.
- Make every effort to fly as high as possible over such areas when overflights cannot be avoided.
- Avoid late night overflights over congested neighborhoods.

As you know with recent heightened awareness of aircraft noise and changes to flight paths, we respectfully ask for your assistance in making immediate 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 and flight modifications. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (480) 312-7735.

Sincerely,



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Aviation Director

Attachment: Boundary map of increased low overflight impacts

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