

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE F/A-18 MISHAP  
ON DECEMBER 8, 2008



**HOTLINE: (858) 577-1875**  
8:00 am to 6:00 pm  
<http://www.miramar.usmc.mil/home.htm>

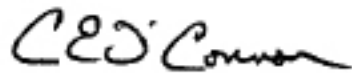


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The Marines, Sailors, and Civilian Marines aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar would like to offer their sincere condolences to the families and the entire University City community affected by this tragedy.

Nothing is more important to us than the safety of the people who live and work in the community surrounding the air station. We will do everything we can to ease the suffering of the community and speed the recovery process.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who has felt the impact of this terrible accident. We remain committed in supporting our neighbors during this challenging time.



Colonel Christopher E. O'Connor  
Commanding Officer, MCAS Miramar

## Health Concerns

No air contaminants of concern have been detected in the affected and surrounding areas. Dust is being controlled by wetting down the debris as needed. Air and soil monitoring is ongoing while the clean-up continues. Clean-up crews are wearing appropriate personal protection equipment as a precaution.

## Clean Up Process

The clean up process includes removal of debris and damaged structures. Sand bags and absorbent materials were installed to capture possible contaminants and debris in runoff to protect nearby water ways. The mishap site contains damaged and burned structural materials, household items, and burnt aircraft parts which include metals and carbon composite materials. The estimated clean up completion date is December 19, 2008.

## Home Access

Affected residents may access homes by contacting the MCAS Miramar Provost Marshall Office at the Mobile Command Post located on Cather Street.

## Claims

If you have been displaced or believe you have suffered personal injury and/or destruction of your personal property due to the F/A-18 mishap, please contact the MCAS Miramar Hotline. Once we have your contact information, a member of our Community Liaison and Claims Assistance Team will immediately call you to ensure you receive detailed information on how to file a claim. The Team will also assign a personal representative to assist you in filing your claim and can schedule an appointment to meet at your convenience.

## Counseling

MCAS Miramar understands the effects of this tragic accident may reach well into the surrounding community and may cause additional stress, even for those who experienced no property loss. If you have concerns, contact the MCAS Miramar Hotline. Once we have your contact information, a counselor will contact you to speak to those concerns.