



An Overview of ODART

- Statewide 501(c)(3) non-profit entity organized as a Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters (VOAD).
- Comprised of volunteer pilots, ground crews, communications, and logistics personnel based at airfields around the state.
- Pilots fly their own aircraft under 14 CFR Part 91 and must meet minimum training and experience qualifications to participate in exercises and disaster response.
- Subscribes to NIMS/ICS protocols and, except for pre-arranged exceptions, must be activated by a governmental authority (federal, tribal, state, local).



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An Aviation Resource which can Assist Your Community

Suddenly, a disaster or large emergency strikes your community! Normal travel and supply routes are impassable. In emergency management terminology, your community is now an island. However,

- Some community members need shelter,
- Medical supplies need replenishment, and
- Everyone is short of food after the shelves in stores and food banks are quickly emptied.

Yes, federal help may eventually arrive, but how can local disaster needs be met until those supplies become available? In the interim, what if the needed food, temporary shelters, and urgent medical supplies could be flown to you by general aviation volunteers?

Assisting communities like yours in times of need is what ODART is all about!

ODART Operations

- **AIRCRAFT:** A variety of payload and performance capabilities including fixed wing, rotor wing, and seaplane.



- **GROUND:** Safe marshaling and positioning of aircraft, assistance in loading and unloading aircraft cargo and passengers.
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Disaster-resilient amateur radio communications between depots, DART airfields, impact areas, and a global email system.



- **LOGISTICS:** Cargo inventory management at airfields or through offsite arrangements.

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Disaster Preparation

- ODART is configured to respond to the aftermath of a “megathrust” rupture in the Cascadia Subduction Zone event, and also to adapt its operations to lesser events.
- Depot airports (currently at Walla Walla, WA, and Bend, OR) receive bulk cargo drops for further distribution.
- Staging airports (currently at Aurora, Albany, and Creswell) provide short-term storage and create smaller cargo packages for distribution to impact areas.
- Surviving airfields and landing zones in impact areas receive cargo and responders and may evacuate ambulatory victims determined by medical personnel to be capable of flight in small aircraft.
- Portable HF radio stations establish communications with nodes in the Winlink global email system which are located outside impact areas.



Can I Help?

ODART is always looking for volunteers, so if you are a pilot, a ham radio operator, an aircraft enthusiast, an advocate for community preparedness, or just want to be prepared to help your neighbors when they need it the most, please consider becoming part of our team.

If your service club, medical reserve corps, amateur radio club, faith-based organization, food bank, scouting group, or other civic-minded organization would like affiliate with ODART to provide ground support and local cargo delivery during exercises and actual events, please contact us.

