



# CASARA Ottawa

## Standard Operating Procedure - Communications

The following communications procedures are to be followed for all CASARA activities:

- On start-up perform radio check with base.
- On initial contact provide engine start, bingo time and confirm that SPOT beacons are being received.
- After take-off report take-off time and eta to CSP
- Report on task
- Report off task and eta back to base
- Ops normal calls will be initiated by base. Interval for ops normal calls will be specified during crew briefing.
- The base radio operator will maintain a written log of all communications
- All callsigns to be preceded With CASARA or RESCUE as appropriate

If contact with base is lost:

- Climb to a higher altitude
- Relay through another SAR asset
- Relay through FSS (ask for confirmation that message was delivered).
- If mobile telephone service is available, use text messaging or e-mail. Receipt of messages **must** be acknowledged when using electronic messaging.

If at any time during the exercise the term “No Duff” is heard it means that the information that follows is real and not part of the exercise. Follow directions from base.