

PURPOSE

The purpose of this handbook is twofold: it should be used (1) for preflight planning to prepare for potential search, rescue, and/or survival situations, and (2) as a practical field guide for dealing with a variety of problems and challenges encountered in an actual survival situation. It should be clear that this document is *not* intended to replace aviation operational and emergency checklists.

DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION

This document is organized into 14 chapters and one appendix. Each chapter addresses a specific survival topic or area of concern in a survival situation. With the exception of the first two chapters, each is then divided into two separate sections. Chapter 2 includes the fundamentals of survival and should be reviewed at least biannually (twice a year).

The first section of each chapter serves as a practical field guide for use in a survival situation. This guide will include specific suggestions, checklists, and procedures to improve survivability and aid in rescue. This section of the chapter will be indicated by the words **- Field Guide -** in the bottom center of the page.

The second section of the chapter serves as a survival planning checklist that is intended to be reviewed before each flight. This will serve as a preflight checklist for each topic. This section of the chapter will be indicated by the word **- Planning -** in the bottom center of the page.

