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MEMORANDUM FOR DANE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

FROM: 115 FW/SEF

SUBJECT: Bird Strike Hazard

As Chief of Safety for the 115th Fighter Wing (115 FW), I would like to emphasize our continued support of our mutual bird avoidance procedures. In light of the public concern about geese at Warner Park, I am writing to express my concerns with the increasing number of geese that we have encountered around the Dane County Regional Airport (DCRA) operating area. The 115 FW supports the DCRA efforts in reducing the population of geese at Warner Park. Removal efforts are consistent with Air Force Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) Management Techniques, AFPAM 91-212.

The coordinated efforts between DCRA and Truax Field in bird management and habitat control efforts have been effective in reducing the number of birds nesting on the airfield grounds. However; the local goose population at Warner Park and in the local area has and will continue to be a great concern for Truax Field flight operations.

Currently, the local goose population resides outside the management area of DCRA and Truax Field. The population migrates daily to and from Warner Park to other local feeding grounds. Geese travel routes, flying altitude, proximity to the airport, and the large numbers pose a significant threat to all aircraft with flight operations at DCRA. The 115 FW has established policies in accordance with Air Force Bird Avoidance Strike Hazard (BASH) protocol and local procedures to adjust and or reduce flying operations when fall and spring migration pose a problem.

The most important concern is the safety of aircraft passengers, pilots and citizens that live in close proximity to DCRA. A bird strike incident is in the realm of possibilities, has historically occurred, and should be considered in the management strategy. The 115 FW understands that this effort will have to extend beyond DCRA property and Truax Field. If you require any further assistance in this matter please contact the 115 FW Safety office.

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