



**THE COUNTY OF MARQUETTE  
MICHIGAN**

**Sawyer International Airport  
(SAW – MQT)**

**EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

**TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 42301 OF THE FAA MODERNIZATION  
AND REFORM ACT OF 2012, THE FEBRUARY 24, 2012 NOTICE IN THE  
FEDERAL REGISTER, AND AS REQUIRED BY THE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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**SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**  
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The County of Marquette, Michigan, Sawyer International Airport has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Mr. Scott Erbisch, Marquette County Administrator, 125 G. Avenue, Gwinn, Michigan 49841 e-mail serbisch@mqtco.org.

Sawyer International Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because of the following:

1. Sawyer International Airport is a commercial airport served by Delta Air Lines and American Eagle Airlines with 50-seat Regional Jet aircraft.
2. As the former K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Sawyer International Airport has significant airfield infrastructure, including Runway 1-19 at 9071 x 150 feet, large aircraft aprons, and ground support equipment left by the Air Force. Sawyer International Airport may be identified as a diversion airport for civil aircraft or those aircraft declaring an emergency, and used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.
3. Sawyer International Airport, as of the date of submittal of this plan, and as per the FAA-approved Airport Certification Manual, is listed as an FAR Part-139 facility and equipped with Index B aircraft rescue and fire fighting. Combining the ARFF resources of both fire vehicles, Sawyer International Airport has in excess of Index D contingent upon advance notice by aircraft and availability of on call personnel.

This plan will describe how, following excessive tarmac delays, and to the extent practicable, Sawyer International Airport will:

1. Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
2. Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport;
3. Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP);

Given proper notice from the aircraft operator for the arrival of a possible diversion, Sawyer has no facility constraints that would limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights and encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency.

Agencies based in Marquette County, combined with State of Michigan or Federal agencies may provide mutual assistance in terms of what the roles, duties and responsibilities for personnel,

and what resources will be committed to managing concerns regarding the management of unscheduled or other-than-normal airline operations at Sawyer International Airport.

Specific facility constraints include the following:

Air carrier operations involving aircraft with more than 30 passenger seats are not authorized in excess of 15 minutes before or after schedule arrival/departure times without prior coordination with Airport Manager. Forty-eight hours prior to unscheduled air carrier operations with more than 30 passenger seats call Airport Manager at (906) 346-3308 Ext 222. These constraints are noted in Sawyer's Airport Facility Directory (AFD) record.

**Airport Information:**

Name of Airport: Sawyer International Airport  
(KSAW – Jeppesen Charts or MQT – 3-Letter ICAO Airport Code)

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Date of submission of plan: May 14, 2012

Airport Category: Large Hub  Medium Hub  Small Hub  Non Hub

Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the following for assistance:

1. Duane R. DuRay, Airport Manager: Office: 906-346-3308, x- 222, Mobile 906-364-0939, e-mail dduray@mqtco.org.
2. On-Duty Airport Technician: Office: 906-346-4336, Mobile 906-250-1928.
3. Steven Schenden, Sawyer Director of Operations: Office 906-346-3308, x-221, Mobile 906-250-8082, sschenden@mqtco.org.
4. Scott Erbisich, Marquette County Administrator: Office 906-225-8152, Mobile 906-869-6381, serbisich@mqtco.org

## **Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays**

Sawyer International Airport has a limited inventory of Ground Support Equipment and as a small rural non-hub commercial service airport, and combined with a small operations and maintenance staff, and pending our ability to call-in additional personnel for support of airport of special operations, has the ability to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft.

The aircraft boarding / passenger boarding bridges at Sawyer International Airport, are owned by the airport and equipped to handle the following aircraft with door heights as follows:

- Gate 1: Leased by Delta Air Lines, Door entry height from 43-inches to 115.74-inches.
- Gate 2: (Vacant) No passenger boarding bridge. This area is reserved for open air boarding and deplaning of aircraft passengers.
- Gate 3: Leased by American Eagle Airlines, Door entry height from 43-inches to 111.01-inches.

In combination with our air carrier and FBO tenants, the Airport has surplus U.S. Air Force and other equipment to deplane passengers as soon as practicable after receiving requests from station personnel or by a verbal request by the Pilot in Command (PIC) of the signatory or non-signatory airline/s at the contact number listed in following Appendices of the FAA-approved Airport Emergency Plan:

1. Appendix E – (Airport Emergency Readiness Team Contact List);
2. Appendix F – (Emergency Readiness Team Resources);
3. Appendix M – (Airport Equipment List); and,
4. Appendix N – (Emergency Names and Numbers).

Sawyer Airport staff will provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above.

Sawyer Airport will provide terminal facilities at the airline passenger terminal facility, with the use of the passenger boarding bridges, and pending the class / category of the aircraft, a parking location on the aircraft apron for open-air deplaning of the aircraft with use of a mobile air stairs.

### **Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency**

The aircraft parking gates at Sawyer International Airport are under common use leases to air carriers and are controlled by the airport.

Sawyer Airport staff will work with our common-use tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the extent possible.

If additional gates are needed, and pending the arrival schedule of the diversion or special aircraft operation, we will work with tenant air carriers, other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the extent possible.

### **Plan to Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers Who Have not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection.**

Sawyer International Airport can process international passengers only with advance notice and coordination with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) official, Port Director, or members of the staff from the Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. (906-632-3383)

Sawyer Airport staff will coordinate with local CBP and law enforcement officials to identify suitable areas and procedures for establishing a temporary sterile area into which international passengers on diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection can be deplaned.

### **Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan**

Sawyer International Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through:

- [www.sawyerairport.com](http://www.sawyerairport.com).
- Notice posted in the terminal.
- Availability of the plan published in the Marquette Mining Journal.