

Manistee County Blacker Airport

Emergency Contingency Plan

Manistee County Blacker 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 Miles Weaver at manager@flymanistee.com. Manistee County Blacker Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport or (2) this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Manistee County Blacker Airport will:

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

Manistee County Blacker Airport has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport at (231) 723-4351 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: Limited commercial airline terminal space, one gate, lack of international passenger processing facilities, limited numbers of aircraft parking positions, limited sterile passenger area (approx. 30 persons), and limited fueling capacity. During diversion events Manistee County Blacker Airport will issue NOTAMS regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the airport and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operations events.

Airport Information

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Airport Category:	<u>Non Hub</u>

Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Director at (231) 723-4351 or manager@flymanistee.com for assistance. Alternate contact: Airport Operation Cell (231) 233-4143.

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

Manistee County Blacker Airport does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft and is, therefore, unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers. Additionally airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. We 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.

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

The gate at Manistee County Blacker Airport is under common use leases to air carriers and is controlled by the airport. We direct our common use air carrier users to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the maximum extent practicable. Manistee County Blacker Airport does not have jet bridge GSE, any diverted aircraft requiring the need of GSE equipment to assist in deplaning will have to make prior arrangements for the deplaning of passengers and crew. Diverted aircraft will need to position aircraft on east side of terminal ramp.

Plan to Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection

The Manistee County Blacker Airport does not have international passenger processing facilities. We 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. Once these efforts are complete, we will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures that will allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practicable. Local law enforcement has limited resources available and considerable distance to the nearest CBP (Sault Ste Marie Michigan 218 miles, Grand Rapids Michigan 137 miles, and Port Huron Michigan 259 miles). The minimal drive distance would be 2 and half hours for Grand Rapids Michigan. Therefore Manistee County Blacker Airport strongly discourages airline diversions requiring Customs and Border Protection.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

Manistee County Blacker Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (flymanistee.com)
- Made available at the Airport Administrative office.